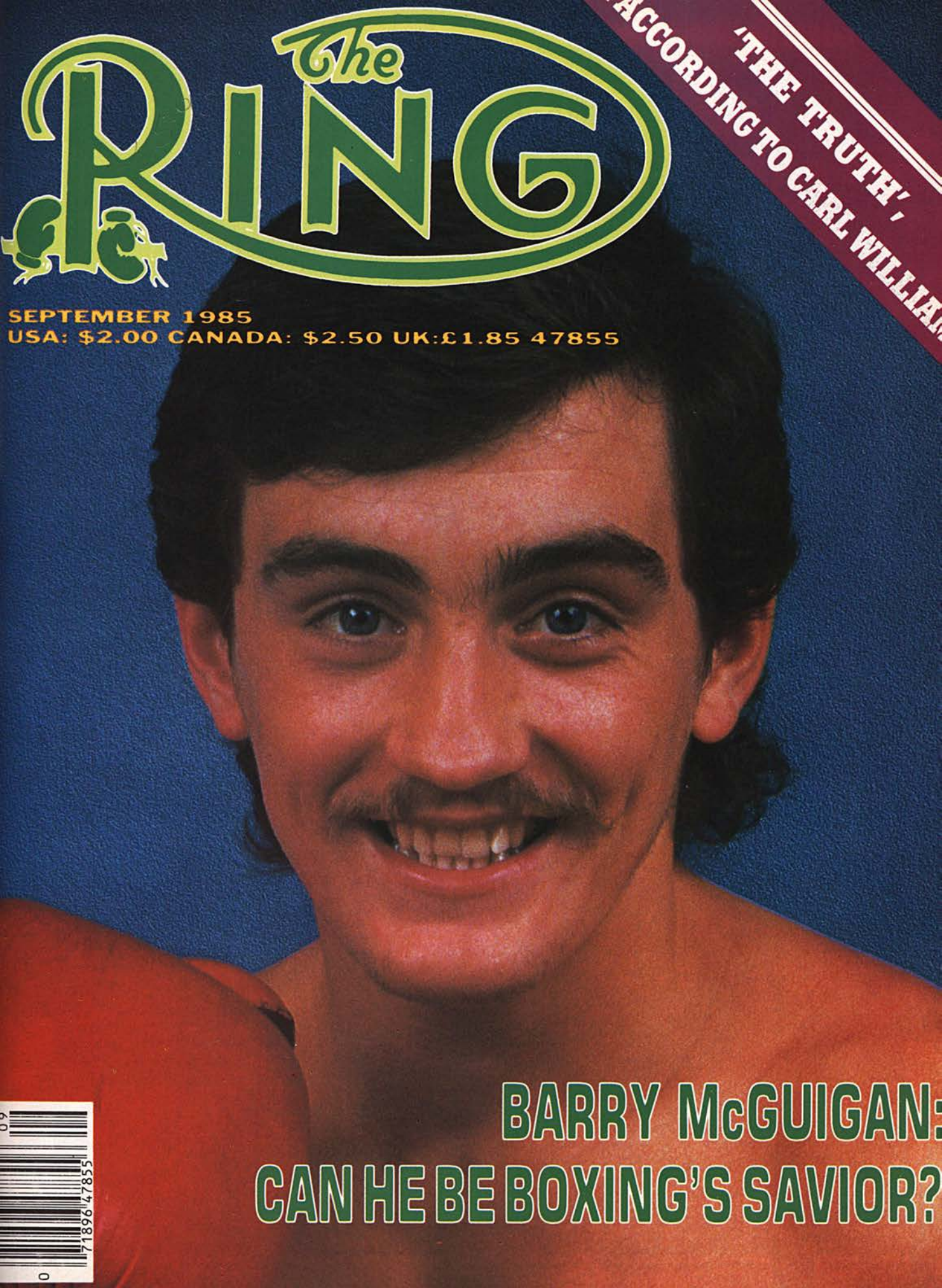
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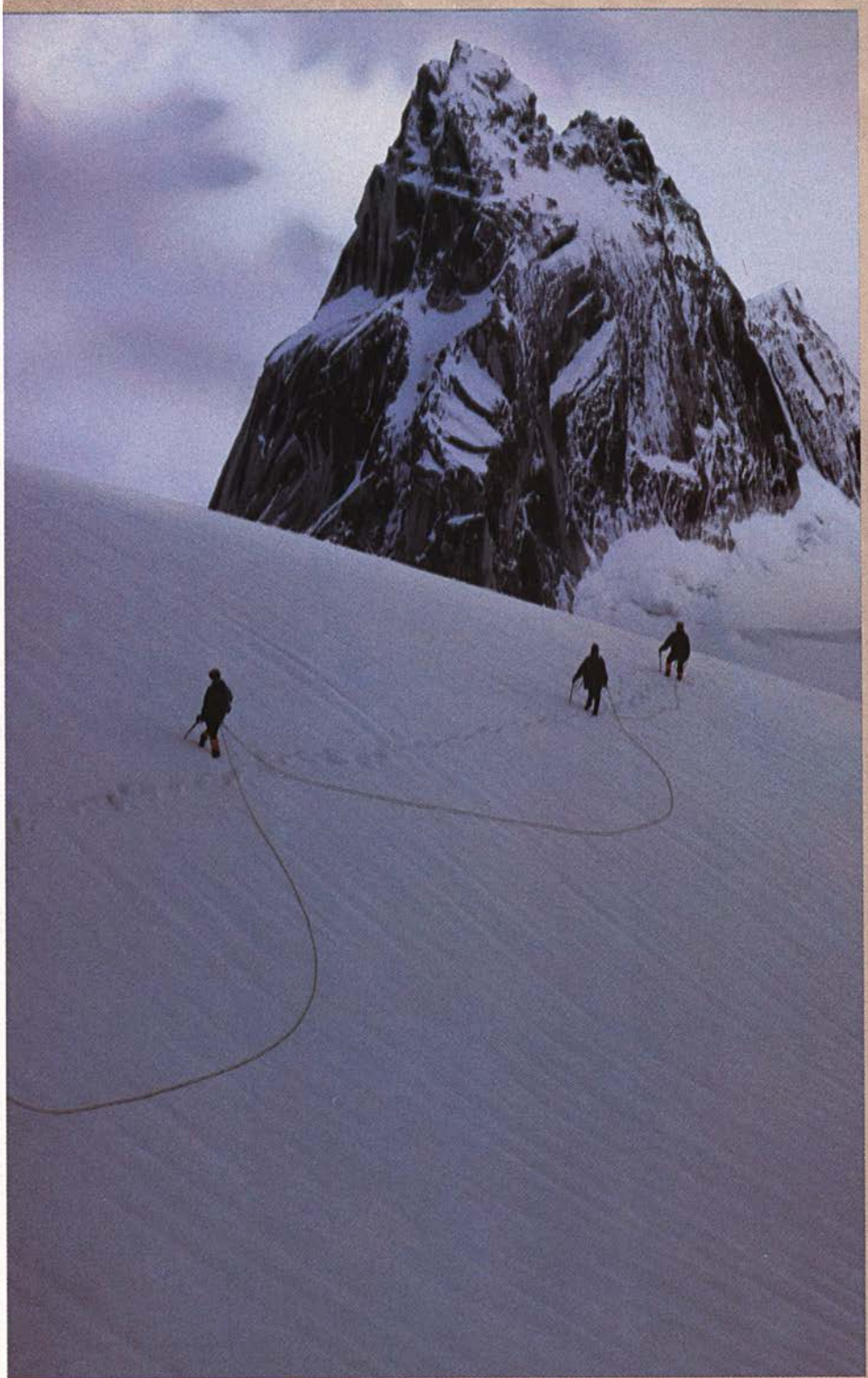

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And then we stopped, and looking around took my breath away all over again.

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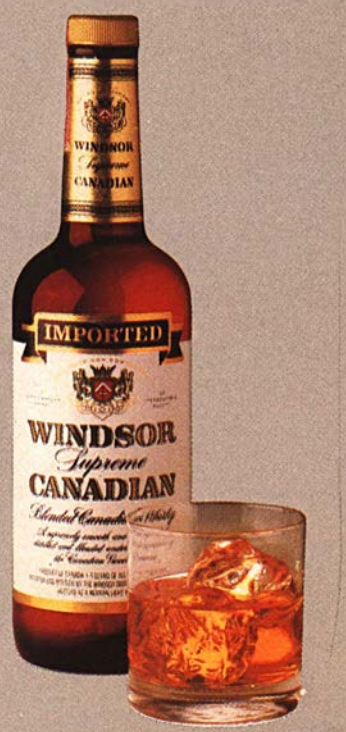


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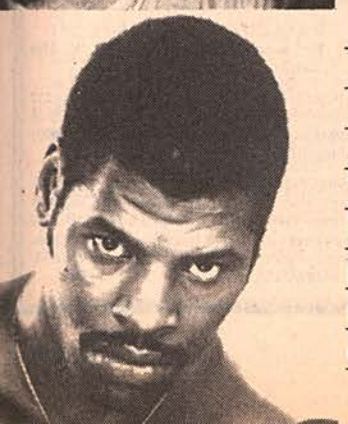

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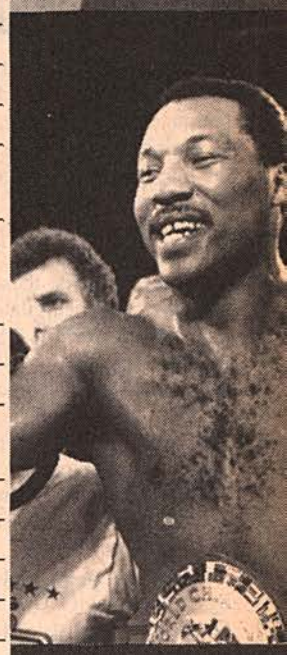

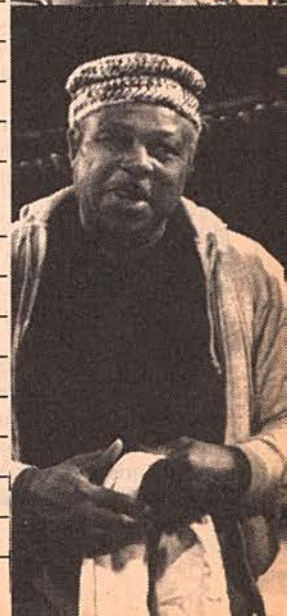

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LIKE MOST PEOPLE, THERE ARE PARTS OF my job I enjoy more than others. Near the bottom of my list is deflecting brickbats thrown at boxing. Three of the oldest, and therefore the most persistent, knocks against the Sweet Science are as follows: 1. Boxing is fixed. 2. Boxing is controlled by organized crime. 3. Boxing is dead.

In recent weeks, these three old chunks of cud have been regurgitated once again and presented to the world as fresh fodder. It's enough to give any true boxing fan a good, old fashioned dose of indigestion.

Oddly enough, the "fights are fixed" allegation came from someone who should know better—Bob Arum.

"Sure, those fights are 'fixed'," Arum was quoted as saying in an article published in *South African Boxing World*.

Arum was snidely referring to bouts staged by rival promoter Dan Duva involving 1984 Olympic medalists Mark Breland, Tyrell Biggs, Meldrick Taylor, Pernell Whitaker and Evander Hollyfield. Bob contends that, because opponents were carefully screened to insure *probable* victories for the former Olympians, they should be considered fixes.

That's hogwash—rhetorical grist from Arum's propaganda mill. The Duva fighters are getting "buildups", just like any other prospects would. There's nothing sinister about that. In fact, many of the latest crop of Olympic heroes have been facing much tougher "opponents" than did their predecessors from the 1980 Games.

The latest "Mob" scare comes from James J. Mosley, executive director of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.

"We have a well-founded suspicion that such activities have occured but, unfortunately, no hard evidential proof, said Mr. Mosley, testifying before the President's Commission on Organized Crime.

Sound familiar?

The last thing we need is another bureaucrat grabbing for headlines at boxing's expense. The lack of "hard evidential proof" says it all, but I can't help wondering how many tax payers' dollars were wasted arriving at this brilliant conclusion.

Boxing has been declared dead so many times, it's a miracle I still have a job. The latest obituary comes from Barney Nagler, president of the Boxer Writers Association and respected columnist for the *Daily Racing Form*. In an elegantly written piece titled "Is Boxing Dead But Doesn't Know It Yet?" Mr. Nagler reveals that, yes, boxing is dead and that it was an "inside job."

While Mr. Nagler makes some valid points along the way, I beg to differ with my learned colleague's negative conclusion. If boxing were dead, I doubt that this year's Hagler-Hearns fight would have been such a roaring artistic and financial success. I also doubt that the Holmes-Williams fight would have drawn such an outstanding prime-time rating for NBC-TV. And if boxing is dead, then why did 25,000 fans turn out to watch Barry McGuigan take the WBA featherweight title from Eusebio Pedroza?

No, boxing isn't dead. Like everything else in life, boxing goes in cycles. There will continue to be bad times as well as good. And rest assured, there will always be someone around telling us that boxing is either mob controlled, fixed, or dead. But unless there comes a fundamental and unprecedented change in human nature, boxing will remain a part of our culture.

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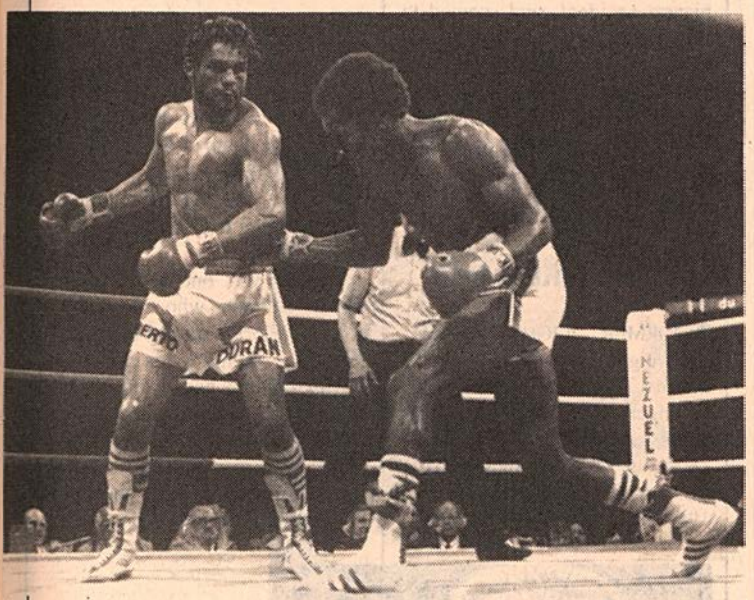
# Come Out Writing



*Reader George Ballard wants to remember Roberto Duran as he was in his prime (seen here outpointing Sugar Ray Leonard in their first fight), and urges "Manos de Piedra" to forget his comeback.*

## A SUBJECTIVE ART AT BEST

I HAVE JUST FINISHED WATCHING the videotape of the Rocky Lockridge-Wilfredo Gomez fight for the third time. I am still cleaning my ears out and telling myself that there must have been a mistake. Except in rounds 11 through 13, when for some reason he took a vacation, Lockridge clearly dominated the fight. Gomez almost went down on several occasions, whereas at no time in the bout was Rocky even stunned.

Panamanian judges have once again come back to haunt Rocky. First, there was the controversy with Rodolfo Hill in his initial encounter with Eusebio Pedroza when this so-called judge gave Lockridge only one round in what had been an extremely close fight. In the Gomez fight, two equally incompetent Panamanians managed to take his title away. The only possible benefit from all of this may be that Rocky will finally learn that he can *never* again leave his fate in the hands of the judges.

BRIAN McGONIGLE
Mahwah, New Jersey

MUCH OF DR. FERDIE PACHECO'S criticism on TV aimed at the two latino judges who voted in favor of Wilfredo Gomez in his fight with Rocky Lockridge was unjustified.

I attended this fight in person with my son, who is a true boxing buff, while vacationing in San Juan. And we both agreed with the majority of the spectators present that Gomez deserved to win—be it by a narrow margin.

Lockridge handed him the victory by not trying in the latter rounds. Rocky is intelligent, articulate, a true gentleman, and a credit to boxing. I'd love to see him get a rematch.

STEVE HOLLANDA
Dorval, Canada

## LONG MAY HE REIGN

AFTER WINNING THE WBA FEATHERweight crown by beating a superb champion, I think boxing has got a new "star" on its hands in the terms laid down in your May '85 "Ringside" editorial.

In case you're wondering, I'm talking about Barry McGuigan—"The Clones Cyclone."

Here is a boxer who unites a divided country when he fights; a man who is known, respected and admired the length and breadth of Britain—even by people who aren't interested in boxing. He is a person who is modest, respectful, and dedicated to his profession. Above all, he is an outstanding boxer who is a credit to Irish, British, European, and now, world boxing. Long may he reign.

SAVJIT SAMRA
London, England

## DON'T DO IT, ROBERTO

I HAVE BEEN A FAN OF ROBERTO Duran for many years. It saddens me to hear that he is set to make a comeback at 34 years of age and weighing 200 pounds. I'm sure that I speak for all his fans when I say: don't do it.

Let us remember Duran as he was in his fights with Ken Buchanan, Esteban DeJesus, Carlos Palomino, Davey Moore and the first time with Sugar Ray Leonard. Not as a punching bag for up-and-coming fighters, or worse—punch drunk. Unlike wine, fighters don't improve with age. Don't do it, Roberto. Say goodbye.

GEORGE BALLARD
Surry, England

## ALL-TIME DIRTY

SO LARRY HOLMES IS NOW AN ALLtime great? I'm really surprised *The Ring* wasted precious space with such fantasy articles ("Larry Holmes Vs. The All Time Greats," June, 1985). What I can't understand is why boxing writers always forget Larry's best weapon—his devastating, retina-tearing thumb in the eye. A real fantasy is wondering how Jack Dempsey or Joe Louis would have stood up to the famous Holmes thumb. Or how many thumbs Rocky Marciano would take before the fight was stopped. Is Larry Holmes an all-time great? Sure! In the same league with Fritzie Zivic.

JIM HASH, JR.
Appomattox, Virginia

# Round One

by Nigel Collins

## SPLIT DECISION

IT WAS ONLY LAST MONTH that this column carried a photograph of Muhammad and Veronica Ali visiting China's Great Wall. Now comes the disheartening news that they have filed for divorce.

A statement prepared by the couple said: "The decision to dissolve the marriage was mutually agreed upon by Muhammad and Veronica. Both parties maintain the utmost admiration, love and respect for each other, and their deep friendship remains intact."

When Johnny Carson mentioned the impending split on *The Tonight Show*, he drew a wistful sigh from the audience that seemed to say, "Gee, not on top of everything else." Things haven't been all that great for the "Greatest" of late. His poor health has made headlines around the world, and the breakup of his third marriage seems to have struck a sentimental chord with a lot of folks. *New York Post* columnist Dick Young went as far as to suggest that Ali reunite with his second wife, Belinda.

"It would be nice if she and Ali somehow found each other again. She was the best for him, and could be still," wrote Young.

*The Ring* isn't about to give advice to the lovelorn, but before Ali rushes to the altar for a fourth time, perhaps he should remember that all marriages are happy. It's the living together afterwards that causes all the trouble.

*It's all over now. Muhammad and Veronica Ali, seen here with Muhammad's daughter Hanna in 1977, have filed for divorce*

## BAN SOCCER

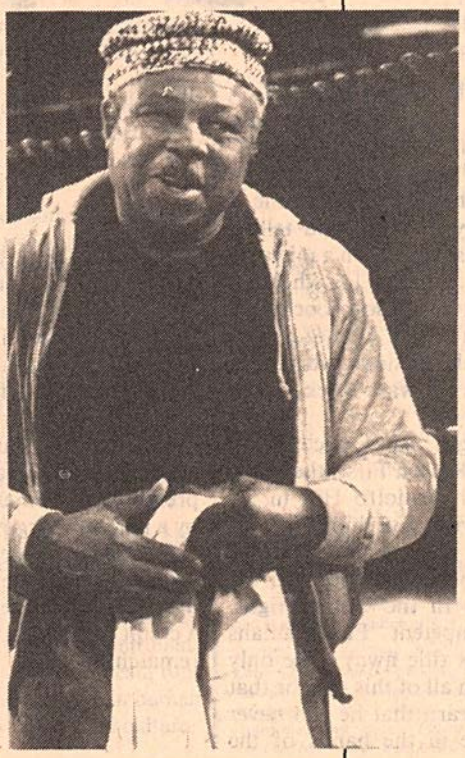
LIGHTWEIGHT ADOLFO Mendel's boxing career is over due to head injuries suffered in a pick-up soccer game. According to manager Ed Gersh, Adolfo was accidentally kicked in the head while playing soccer near his home in Sunrise, Florida. Although Medal was on the critical list following a six-hour operation to save his life, he is now out of the hospital and well on the road to recovery. It was a bitter blow to Medel, who had recently seen his career take an upward swing on the strength of his fine showing against Robin Blake on national television. Medel was rated 14th in *The Ring*'s International Ratings at the time of his bizarre accident, and seemed to be entering his prime. But all that is behind him now. From now on, Adolfo, 20, will be working outside the ring. He is currently training his brother Alex and studying for his high school diploma.

## STING LIKE A BEE

FORMER LIGHT HEAVYweight champion Archie Moore, 71, hasn't thrown a punch in anger since he hung up his gloves following a third round knockout of sometimes-wrestler Mike DeBiase on March 15, 1963. But according to Archie, he recently survived "the worst fight of my entire career." His opponent(s) was a swarm of bees that attacked Moore, an amateur beekeeper, when he attempted to move a hive in the backyard of his San Diego home.

"Those bees almost killed me," said Moore. "They covered me like a robe."

Fans of Moore will be pleased to know that "The Old Mongoose" is back on his feet following a short stay in the hospital. He will not, however, seek a rematch.



*Former light heavyweight champion Archie Moore: back on his feet after being kayoed by a swarm of bees.*

## EL DEFUNCTO VAILLANT

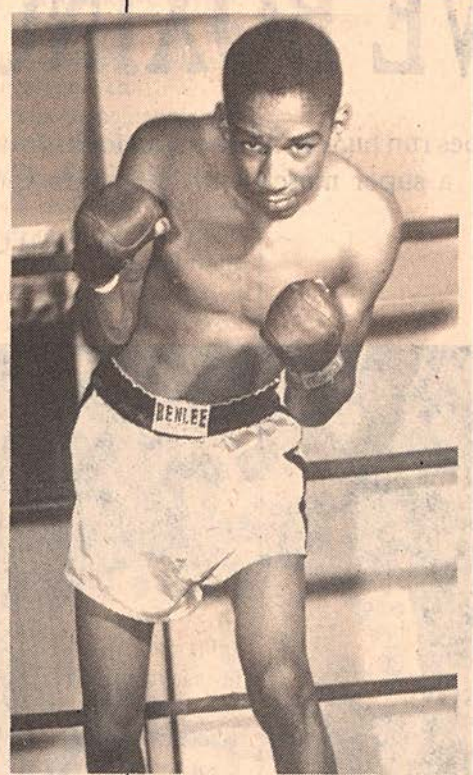
IT WAS SAD TO LEARN OF the tragic death of former lightweight contender Doug Vaillant in Florida. He was found in a park, hanging from a tree, an apparent suicide.

Vaillant was one of the great Cuban fighters who made his home in Florida during the early '60s after beginning his career in Havana. Doug had a reputation as a playboy who traveled in the fast lane, dissipating both his body and career with his self-destructive habits. He got one shot at the title, losing to Carlos Ortiz

# Round One

via a 13th round knockout in San Juan, April 7, 1963.

Vaillant's charismatic personality and flashy ring style earned him many fans, among them NBC's Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, who remembered Doug this way: "To me, the good times and Douglas Vaillant were synonymous. In the Fifth Street Gym, there were many Apostles of the Good Time God, but none more faithful than Vaillant. Not even Willie Pastrano (who burned the candle at both ends) could match Vaillant. But at least Willie got to be world's champ. Vaillant left his dreams in the seedy streets and dirty beds of the low life in Miami, (his) head clouded with the unreal dreams that cocaine put there."



*Former lightweight contender Douglas Vaillant: found hanging from a tree in Florida.*

## ROSIN DUST

SAD-BUT-TRUE DEPARTment: Despite his successful appearances in *Miami Vice* and promotional work for "Miller Lite," it appears that former three-time world champion Alexis Arguello will be making a ring comeback, possibly at Madison Square Garden in August . . . Along the same lines is the often rumored return of Roberto Duran, who is pencilled in for a match with Mustafa Hamsho, assuming he can shed enough fat to make the weight . . . Another ex-champ making noise about giving boxing one more try is Matthew Saad Muhammad, the former WBC light heavyweight boss. Saad is reportedly broke and in trouble with Uncle Sam for back taxes . . . Canadian promoter Regis Levesque was forced to cancel his plans to stage an "oldtimers" match between Joe Frazier and Bob Cleroux in a Montreal suburb. Levesque ran into a ton of legal flak from various governmental agencies, and although the battle continues in court, the Frazier-Cleroux bout will probably never come to pass. As one wise guy commented, "These guys aren't getting any younger, you know." . . . Former Philly middleweight contender Willie (The Worm) Monroe, who once outpointed Marvin Hagler, is now working on the "backstretch" at Garden State Park racetrack in Cherry Hill, New Jersey . . . WBA welterweight champion Donald Curry was served with legal papers following his sixth round TKO over Pablo Baez in Atlantic City. The lawsuit was filed by Mark Roberts, who claims Bob Arum and Akbar Muhammad of Top Rank, Inc. have conspired to cut him out of a managerial agreement. Stay tuned for further developments . . . *Raging Bull II*, a sequel to Jake LaMotta's highly successful biography, is being written by the husband and wife team of Chris Anderson and Sharon McGehee. It's scheduled to hit the bookstores this fall . . . Aaron Pryor's mother wants to force him into a drug treatment program, but the IBF junior welterweight boss isn't too thrilled with the idea. "I've taken drugs before," said Aaron in an interview published in the *Cincinnati Post*. "But I'm not on drugs now. My ability is still there, and I plan to start training." Pryor's attorney, Roy Gelber, also thinks his client's mother is barking up the wrong tree. "The burden will be on her to prove Aaron has a problem, and I don't think she'll be able to sustain that burden," said Gelber.

PHOTO BY PETE GOLDFIELD

*Aaron Pryor, flanked by manager Buddy LaRosa (left) and trainer Richie Giachetti, is currently fighting an effort by his mother to force Aaron into a drug treatment program.*

## PUNCHLINES

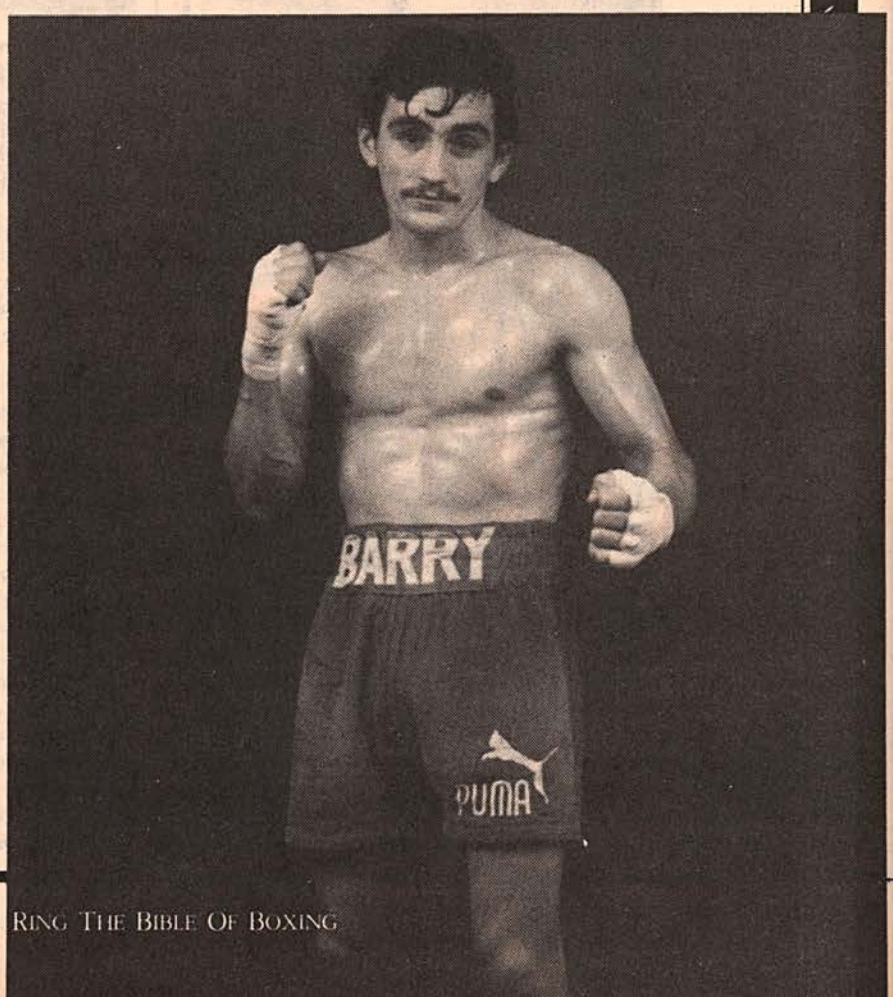
FORMER WBA LIGHTweight champion Ray Mancini, explaining why he's peeved at manager David Wolf: "In the beginning, the manager makes the fighter. Then it comes down to the fighter making the manager. That's what has happened here. I'm the boss. This is my life and I'll call the shots."

CARL KING, SON OF DON and manager of new WBC cruiserweight king Alfonzo Ratliff, praising the work of Ratliff's cutman: "Bill Prezent could stop a hemophiliac from bleeding."

# CAN BARRY McGUIGAN SAVE BOXING?

## Hopes run high as McGuigan looks towards a super match with Wilfredo Gomez

by Nigel Collins



DESPITE THE RECENT EMERGENCE of Marvelous Marvin Hagler as a bonafide superstar, boxing is desperately thin in the hero department. Muhammad Ali is long gone. Sugar Ray Leonard and Alexis Arguello have moved on to gentler pursuits, while a 200-pound Roberto Duran ponders another ill-advised comeback. Ray Mancini is still active—technically, at least—but all but the most obtuse of Ray's fans must now realize that their beloved "Boom Boom" has just about played out his string.

These are the men who, in terms of mass appeal, have carried boxing on their broad shoulders for much of the past two decades. They will not be easily replaced. But at this moment, the entire boxing industry is holding its collective breath, hoping that Barry McGuigan, the new WBA featherweight champion, will turn out to be boxing's latest messiah.

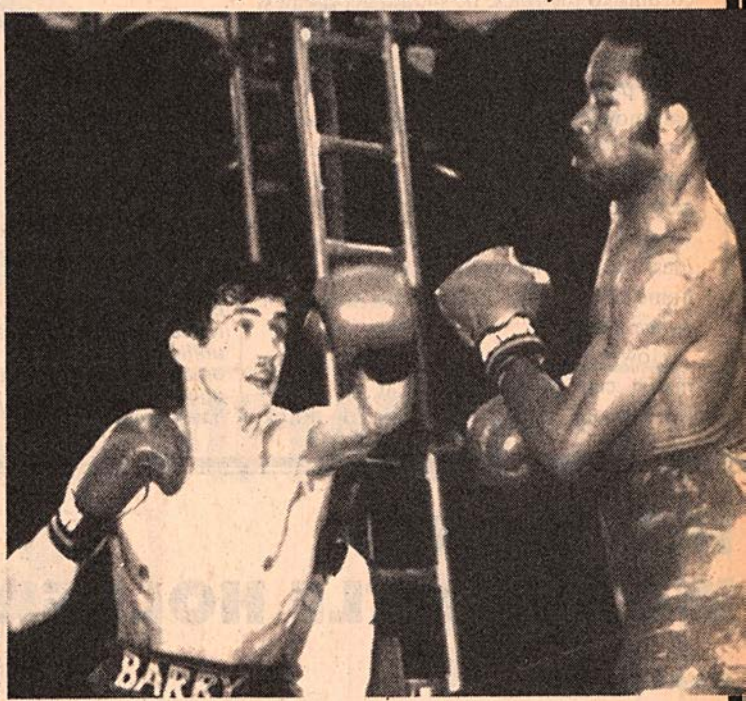
In his native land, McGuigan has already achieved unprecedented popularity. The best indication of this is the fact that Barry drew a bigger crowd in Dublin than the Pope. When McGuigan made his triumphant return to the Emerald Isle following his great victory over Eusebio Pedroza, it was as if all of Ireland turned out to greet him. From the troubled city of Belfast, the scene of so many of Barry's ring battles, to his tiny hometown village of Clones, the people took to the streets to hail their conquering hero. When the victory caravan finally rolled into the capital, over a million citizens jammed the main thoroughfairs to catch a glimpse of McGuigan as he toured the city in an open-topped bus.

Prominent among the many who think that McGuigan has a good chance of broadening his tremendous appeal to an international level is Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, NBC-TV's "Fight Doctor" and a long-time McGuigan booster. Pacheco bought a number of Barry's fights for NBC, and was very instrumental in introducing the Irish featherweight to the American viewing public.

"I think McGuigan has the potential to be an international figure. Maybe not quite the size of a Muhammad Ali, but he certainly can be to boxing on an international level what Sugar Ray Leonard was to boxing in the United States," said Pecheco. "If he keeps having epic battles and winning those epic battles, there is no end to this guy's popularity.

"This kid has everything," continued Pacheco. "He's nice looking, he's got a wife, he's got a child, he's got a father who sings 'Danny Boy.' He's a very clean-cut guy. He's not one of those guys who wants to take his purse money and trade it in for 14 pounds of cocaine."

There are times when McGuigan almost seems too good to be true. Can anybody possibly live up to all the accolades? For some of the answers, we turned to Harry Mullan, editor of the British weekly, *Boxing News*. Harry, an Irishman from Derry, was one of the first journalists to predict, in print, that McGuigan would be a world champion. He has covered Barry's career from the start.




***Showing the aggressive style that won him the WBA featherweight title, Barry McGuigan attacks Eusebio Pedroza during the early going of their epic battle.***

"Barry is a very likeable person, and he works very hard at being a nice person, I might add," reports Mullan. "He could easily give the impression of being a manufactured nice guy. But in fact, he is genuine. He's a very level-headed kid. And within his community, he is left alone. He's not going to have a lot of back-slappers and hangers-on. Clones is a tiny market town, a real country town, a very close-knit community."

Of course, the most intriguing aspect of the McGuigan story is his ability to unite hostile factions in Ireland. The fact that he is a Catholic married to a Protestant has set an example that all of Ireland could learn from. American television has emphasized McGuigan's conciliatory abilities to the point where one could be excused for expecting the IRA and Unionists alike to lay down their arms the moment the ring announcer declared Barry the new champion. Needless to say, this did not happen.

"It's nice, cosmetically, for the country to unite like that, but the only thing it does is stop them from going at each other for one night," opined Mullan. "I don't think it can have any deeper effect than that. They (the media) play it up because it's good for the image."

While Mullan doubts that McGuigan can have any significant effect on his country's political troubles, he joins Dr. Pacheco in his enthusiasm for Barry's unlimited potential as a sporting superstar.

"The whole business is looking out for somebody like him," says Mullan. "He's the first white guy to come along in years who can actually fight. There are strong parallels between Barry and Boom Boom Mancini, with the big difference being that McGuigan can *really* fight."

Although it might come as a shock to some of his fans, not quite everyone is completely enamored of McGuigan. Azumah Nelson, Barry's WBC counterpart, didn't mince words when *The Ring* asked his opinion of the new WBA titleholder.

"He (McGuigan) did good because he was fighting an old man," said Azumah, his voice laced with sarcasm. "A fight with

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McGuigan is the only thing I'm waiting for. Any time, any day, anywhere. I don't care where I fight him. I'll fight him in his bedroom. If I can get that fight, it will make me more than happy. And if it goes more than six rounds it is because I want to punish him. Please tell McGuigan to keep on fighting old men—if he wants to keep his title."

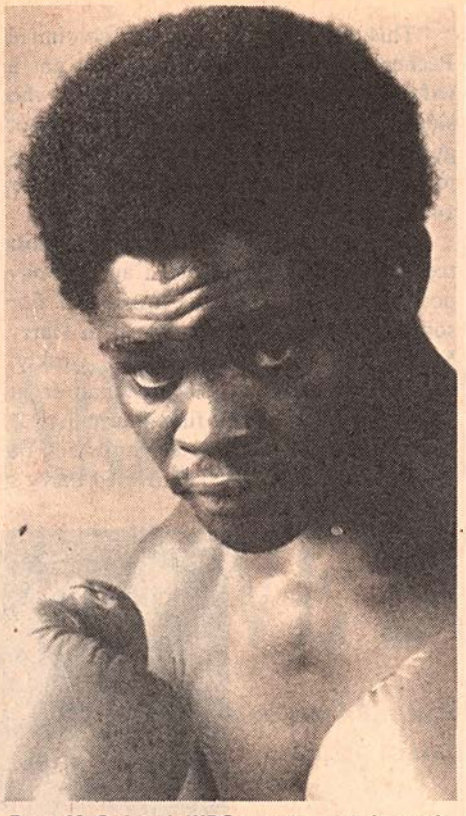
Although a match with Nelson would be among the toughest assignments Barry could draw, a unification match between the WBC and WBA champions isn't even being considered for the near future. Bernard (B.T. Express) Taylor is the WBA's number-one contender and McGuigan's manditory challenger. According to the rules, he should get the next crack at the Clones Cyclone. But as followers of the "sweet science" know from past experience, the rules are seldom paramount. No, it's money that makes the boxing world go 'round, and in this case, a potentially monster purse could be generated by matching Barry with Wilfredo Gomez, the WBA 130-pound boss. The idea location being New York City, the home of millions of Hispanics and Irish-Americans.

However, before a McGuigan-Gomez match can be made, a deal has to be worked out with Taylor and Top Rank, who hold Bernard's promotional rights. It will take a sizeable hunk of "step-aside money" and a guaranteed shot at the winner to pacify both parties.

Another problem brewing on the back burner is the growing feud between McGuigan's manager, Barney Eastwood, and British boxing czar Mickey Duff. Eastwood, along with trainer Paddy Byrne, has guided Barry's career from the start, but, when the time came to entice American television to Belfast for Barry's recent bouts, Mickey Duff and his international connections were needed. Now that Barry is champion, and the stakes are even higher, the infighting promises to be fierce. As Pacheco puts it, the relationship between Eastwood and Duff is best characterized as an "uneasy marriage." Whether they like it or not, both sides of the dispute need each other.

Other than these minor difficulties, is there anything else standing in the path of McGuigan becoming boxing's latest savior?

"Right now, the ingredients for the master brew of a superstar are in Barry McGuigan," claims Pacheco. "How they will hang together . . . God only knows." □



***Barry McGuigan's WBC counterpart, Azumah Nelson, is anxious to fight Barry in a unification match. But don't hold your breath. There are plenty of other lucrative bouts in the wings, and Nelson will probably have to get in line and wait his turn.***

# IRISH-BORN WORLD TITLE HOLDERS

### Heavyweights
Peter Corcoran (1771-1776)
Duggan Fearns (1780-1781)
Paddy Ryan (1880-1882)
Tom McCormick (1914)
Jimmy McLarnin (1933-1934, 1934-1935)

### Light Heavyweights
George Gardner (1903)
Mike McTigue (1923-1925)

### Middleweights
Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey (1884-1891)

### Welterweights
Jimmy Gardner (1908-1909)

### Featherweights
Dave Sullivan (1898)
Barry McGuigan (1985- )

### Bantamweights
Johnny Caldwell [EBU] (1961-1962)

### Flyweights
Rinty Monaghan (1948-1950)

## THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF BARRY McGUIGAN

Clones, Ireland lightweight
Born: February 28, 1961
Manager: Barney Eastwood

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1981 | | |
| May 10 | Selvin Bell | Dublin | KO 2 |
| June 20 | Gary Lucus | London | KO 4 |
| Aug. 3 | Peter Eubanks | Brighton | L 8 |
| Sept. 22 | Jean Marc Renard | Belfast | W 8 |
| Oct. 26 | Terry Pizzaro | Belfast | KO 4 |
| Dec. 8 | Peter Eubanks | Belfast | KO 8 |
| | 1982 | | |
| Jan. 27 | Luis dela Sagra | Belfast | W 8 |
| Feb. 8 | Ian Murray | London | KO 3 |
| Feb. 23 | Angel Oliver | Belfast | KO 3 |
| Mar. 23 | Angelo Licata | Belfast | KO 2 |
| Apr. 22 | Gary Lucas | Enniskillen | KO 1 |
| June 12 | Young Ali | London | KO 6 |
| Oct. 5 | Jimmy Duncan | Belfast | KO 5 |
| Nov. 9 | Paul Huggins | Belfast | KO 5 |
| | 1983 | | |
| Apr. 12 | Vernon Penprase | Belfast | KO 2 |
| | (Won Vacant British Title) | | |
| May 22 | Sammy Meck | Navan | KO 6 |
| July 9 | Lavon McGowan | Chicago | KO 1 |
| Oct. 5 | Ruben Herasme | Belfast | KO 2 |
| Nov. 16 | Valerio Nati | Belfast | KO 6 |
| | (Won Vacant European Title) | | |
| | 1984 | | |
| Jan. 25 | Charm Chiteule | Belfast | KO 10 |
| Apr. 4 | Jose Caba | Belfast | KO 7 |
| June 5 | Esteban Eguia | Kensington | KO 3 |
| | (Retained European Title) | | |
| June 30 | Paul DeVorce | Belfast | KO 5 |
| Oct. 13 | Felipe Orozco | Belfast | KO 2 |
| Dec. 19 | Clyde Ruan | Belfast | KO 4 |
| | (Retained British and European Titles) | | |
| | 1985 | | |
| Feb. 23 | Juan LaPorte | Belfast | W 10 |
| Mar. 26 | Farid Gallouze | London | KO 2 |
| | (Retained European Title) | | |
| June 8 | Eusebio Pedroza | London | W 15 |
| | (Won WBA Featherweight Title) | | |

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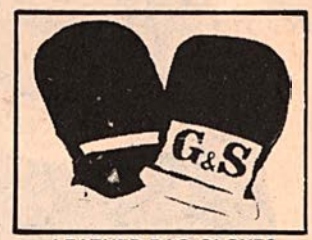


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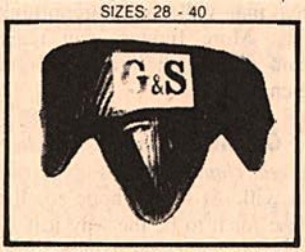


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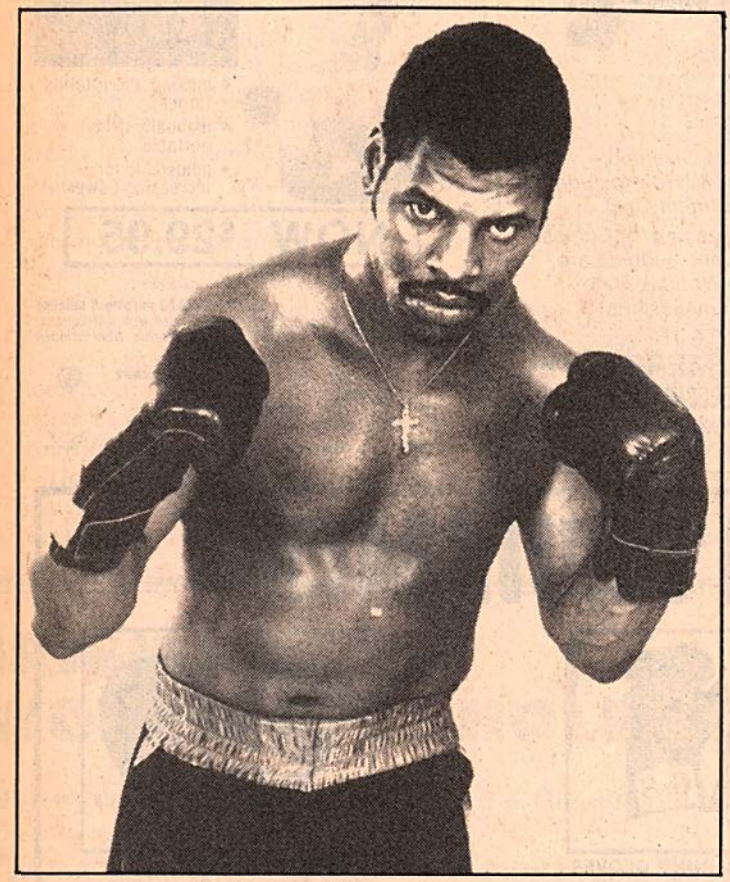
## THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

**Do you think the world heavyweight title will be unified in the near future?**



*Leon Spinks was the last undisputed heavyweight champion after he upset Muhammad Ali on February 15, 1978. But by the time Ali beat Leon in a rematch, the WBC had stripped Spinks, and Larry Holmes owned their version of the crown.*

**Teddy Brenner** *(Matchmaker, Top Rank, Inc.):*
Not while everybody has a champion they're gonna make money with. They'll still have two champs, and probably three because, even if Holmes retires, two other contenders will meet for the vacant IBF title. And if the WBA champ, for example, fought and beat the WBC champ in a 12-round bout, the WBA would then declare the title vacant and nominate another two guys to meet for their crown. That's the way it is.

**Jack Fiske** *(Columnist, San Francisco Chronicle):*
I don't think so. There's too much money to be made by the promoters, the fighters, and the sanctioning bodies by having as many champions and title fights as possible. A lot has to do with Don King's future.

**Murray Goodman** *(Publicist):*
Certainly not in the near future. Holmes is going to fight Spinks in late September, Pinklon Thomas is going to defend his title, and I'm sure Tubbs will defend his. If Holmes steps down, the IBF will probably have two guys fight for their vacant title. A lot, of course, depends upon Don King.

**Jim Jacobs** *(Manager and Boxing Historian):*
I don't think it will. In fact, I'm convinced it will be a long time before we have one heavyweight champion. There's so much more money to be made if there are three heavyweight champions. It just does not make economic sense, from the promoter's standpoint, the manager's standpoint, or the boxer's standpoint, to bring one fighter's earning potential down from say, $1,000,000 a fight to as low as $50,000 simply to unify a title. If enough money could be made from, say, a Thomas-Tubbs bout after Holmes retires, then that unification fight would be justifiable. But the public demand for such a fight is just not great enough to generate that money.

**Jack Graham** *(Deputy Boxing Commissioner, New York):*
I would tend to doubt it. There are too many warring factions for it to be united in the foreseeable future. I would love to see it, but I don't think that we will.

**Marty Cohen** *(Vice Pres., WBC Continental Championships):*
No. Having separate titles is better for the boxers, since it gives more fighters opportunities to become champs. Three world title holders in every weight class also means more title fights, which means more title purses for champions and challengers alike.

**Saoul Mamby** *(former WBC super lightweight champion):*
No. If it's unified, the man who holds the promotional rights on the champion will control the title situation. Fighters who are not tied to that man will not get opportunities for title shots. More fighters can reach their goals—and make real livings—if you have multiple champions.

**Emile Griffith** *(former welter and middleweight champion):*
I think it will. At least I hope so. It doesn't make sense for it to be the way it is now.

**Jose Torres** *(former light heavyweight champion and current chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission):*
Yes. The state commissions are talking about forming a national commission. When—or if—that happens, there will be one champion.

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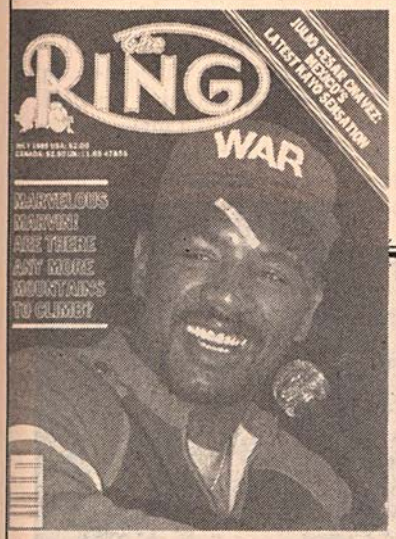


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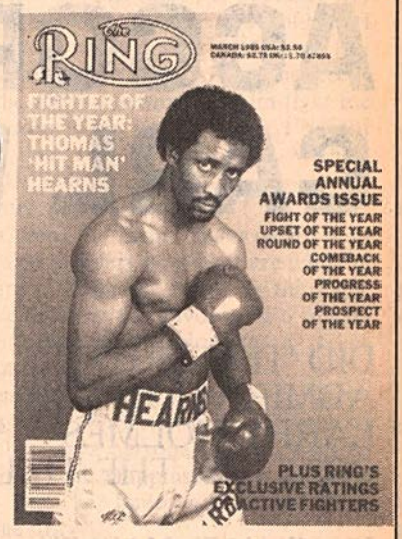


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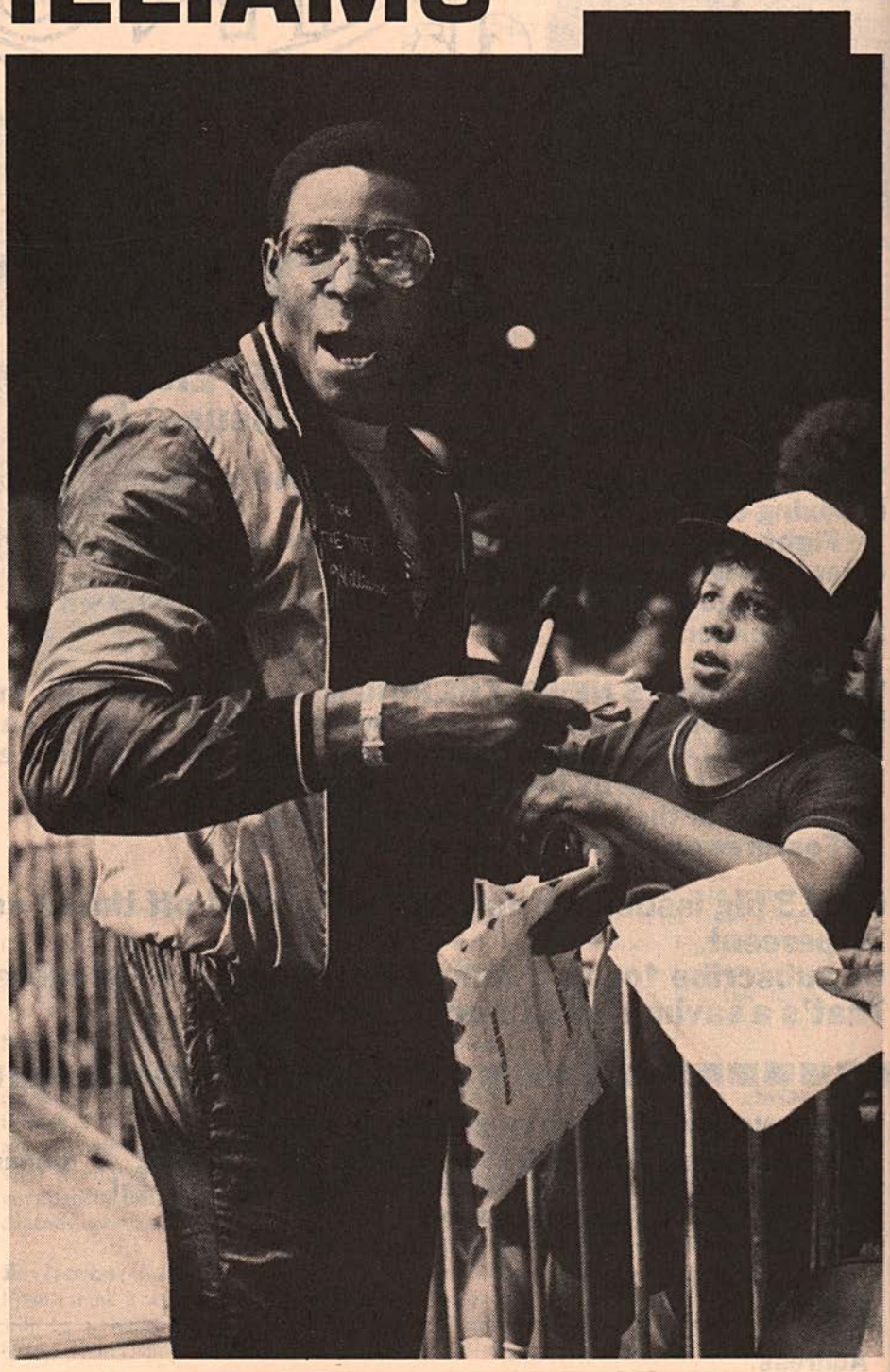
# 'THE TRUTH' . . . ACCORDING TO CARL WILLIAMS

## DID 'THE TRUTH'S' ADMIRATION FOR LARRY HOLMES COST HIM THE TITLE?

BY MICHAEL MARLEY



*Carl "The Truth" Williams, suddenly in demand following his bout with Larry Holmes, signs an autograph for a young admirer at the Felt Forum in New York.*

THIS IS THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE Truth and Nothing But The Truth, according to Carl Williams. The rising heavyweight contender from New York may have respected Larry Holmes too much to put a real whipping on him.

If he has any regret about his surprising, prime-time TV showing against the aging Holmes, it is that his admiration for the champ might have made him look tentative down the stretch in their title bout in Reno. Such an occurrence was a matter of concern in Williams' camp even before the fight.

"Some of the people close to me were worried," Williams said. "Some of them thought that, in the later rounds, I abandoned my plan. I've been known to follow up when I have someone hurt. But, against Larry, I didn't do that. I may have done it subconsciously because I wasn't doing it consciously.

"I didn't show any killer instinct. So maybe that was the case. I do have the same respect for Larry that I do for Muhammad Ali or Sugar Ray Leonard. I've tried to take ingredients from all of them. Larry is going to go down in history as one of the greatest champions. There were times when I could've hurt Larry. There were times I could have put it to him. I don't know if it was out of respect."

Williams, a self-educated, tenth-grade dropout whose weekly reading list includes *Time, U.S. News & World Report* and *The Wall Street Journal*, earned plenty of respect from Holmes after the scorecards were read. Besides the narrow victory, the champ took a closed left eye and a puffy face back to his hotel room.

"I was surprised he was so confident at the beginning," Holmes told reporters after soaking his sore body in hot water for an hour. "He came right out and never backed away."

And what was supposed to be another Holmes lark—a match Larry accepted on three weeks' notice after a proposed fight with light heavyweight champ Michael Spinks fell through—turned into a struggle for survival. Holmes was able to turn the tide and extend his title reign to seven years and counting by coming on in the late rounds with a blistering body attack. But, at the finish, both men were winners. Holmes kept his title and "The Truth" had made an international name for himself.

A month later, Williams was reveling in his new-found celebrity status.

"People weren't aware of Carl Williams," he said. "That's why I am still so fresh in people's minds. They saw that I wasn't any fly-by-night guy like Bonecrusher Smith or David Bey. They saw that Carl "The Truth" Williams is a good fighter and a great personality. They saw that he is what boxing needs.

"The real fight fan sees all that. They know that Larry Holmes is going out (retirement) and they see these titles switching hands. People saw a great fight and they enjoyed it and admired it."

Williams is blowing his own horn but, after snoozers like the Greg Page-Tony Tubbs WBA title bout, his points are beyond argument. And there was something equally refreshing about Williams' attitude and physical condition.

"People don't want to pay money to see guys who weigh 250-260 pounds out there. Guys like James Broad put a damper on the game. It bothers me because I see what some of these guys are doing to the sport . . . coming in at 300 pounds. It's real bad. I am a professional and I carry myself accordingly. I try to display that in the ring and out."

His comportment may, indeed, be exemplary but Williams did misunderstand NBC announcer Marv Albert's question after the decision was announced. The way it came out then, it sounded as though Williams graciously conceded defeat.

"If I had fought that same fight against a Greg Page or a Tubbs or a Pinky Thomas, I think I would have gotten the decision. But I definitely misunderstood that question. I thought I won. If the same thing had happened against one of those other guys, you would have seen a display of anger. But, time and time again, Larry Holmes has proven himself a champion. He has been an inspiration to other fighters, including myself."

And Williams, 25, realizes that he did not make that extra effort.

"You have to do a little more to beat a champion. Larry Holmes has been in the business, what, about 17 years, and he was fighting a guy who has been in it five years, including amateur and pro. Is it right to take his title? I have mixed feelings about it."

His left jab looks as though it went to Harvard and, as the public gets to know more and more about him, it appears that Williams is a thinker with the gloves off also.

"I am educated, but not by schooling," he said. "I read a lot and I have a political head. These things have helped educate me. I read a lot of heavy stuff and that's why I am so well-spoken. That political head helps me adjust to my surroundings. There are a lot of politics in boxing, too. You know, there are guys who have had six years in college who couldn't shine my shoes. Believe it!"

So where does "The Truth" go from here? He said his sore right hand is feeling great and he hopes to take another meaningful bout soon. If that fight isn't against fellow New Yorker Gerry Cooney, that well-known hermit, it won't bother Williams.

"I don't think Gerry wants to fight me anyway," Williams said. "If publicity will keep (such a match) alive, fine but Carl Williams will make dollars regardless. I'm not looking to get Cooney but he keeps saying he wants Holmes. Let him fight me and the winner can fight Holmes. I'd fight Cooney and I really want Tim Witherspoon. He's on my list, too."

Another guy on Williams' "hit list" is Mitch Green, the Bronx heavyweight who claims men on every continent are ducking him. Green, you may recall, is the high-strung fellow who was involved in a finger-biting incident with Holmes at a recent press conference.

"I am going to punish Mitch Green really good," Williams said. "I want to punish him on a personal note. I want to give him a real whipping. We used to be friends but he badmouthed me in a magazine story."

Williams doesn't think a Holmes rematch is in his future but he wishes his conqueror well. And he vows that the public will see and enjoy more of his boxing and speaking ability.

"I know what the people are thinking, 'It's going to be exciting to see Carl Williams bust all these people up.' As for Larry, I hope he goes on to get his 50-and-0. God bless him."

And that's "The Truth"—according to Carl Williams. □

**THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF CARL WILLIAMS**

New York City, New York, heavyweight
1981 New York Golden Gloves Champion

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
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| | 1982 | | |
| Jan. 22 | Greg Stephany | New York | W 4 |
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| | 1984 | | |
| Mar. 7 | Lou Benson | White Plains | KO 2 |
| Aug. 9 | Terry Mims | New York | KO 3 |
| Oct. 23 | James Tillis | Atlantic City | W 10 |
| | 1985 | | |
| May 20 | Larry Holmes (For IBF Title) | Reno | L 15 |

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# HOW BAD IS BAD

by
Joseph D'O'Brian

*Kelly sat in his corner . . . like a bright boy who has failed to get 100 in arithmetic because the teacher came up with the wrong answer.*
—Joe Liebling, describing the aftermath of a bad decision

RECENTLY, THE BOXING COMMUNITY was subjected to two abominable decisions in championship fights in the space of thirty hours. This is pretty good going, even considering the eyesight of the average boxing judge.

Every fan who was outraged by the results of the late Gomez-Lockridge and Holmes-Williams bouts probably has his own explanation for the lousy decisions. Maybe the officials were swayed by sentiment. Maybe they were swayed by the long green. Maybe (in the case of Gomez-Lockridge) they wanted to leave the arena alive. Maybe they're just morons.

The reason why there are so many explanations for bad decisions is that they often cannot be explained. As long as there are boxing judges, bad decisions will happen. Even if we were to develop some kind of computer software that would score a fight for us, bad decisions would happen. Like them or not, bad decisions are an essential part of boxing's *suchness*, as Heidegger might have put it. Picking them apart and analyzing them is therefore useless, but it can be amusing.

The worst thing about the Gomez-Lockridge decision was not that it was so bad—I half-expected something like that to happen—but that it was so obvious what was going on.

There was no doubt in neutral observers' minds that Lockridge was the winner. I had it 9-5-1 in rounds, and the rounds that Lockridge won were almost all more decisive than those won by Gomez. In my mind, there is little question that the verdict of the judges was based partly on pro-Hispanic prejudice and partly on physical fear of the highly partisan Puerto Rican fans. (I don't know where boxing officials get this bizarre notion that their lives are worth anything.)

Not only was this decision a miscarriage of justice; it was stupid in a practical sense. Gomez, once a very good fighter, is fading. Lockridge has it in him to be as good as Gomez once was. It makes no sense to prop up a dying dinosaur like Gomez while throwing a big wrench into Lockridge's promising career.

Wait a minute, I hear you cry. What are you doing bringing practicality into this discussion? Shouldn't fights be judged on the performances of the two fighters, without regard to how the decision will affect boxing?

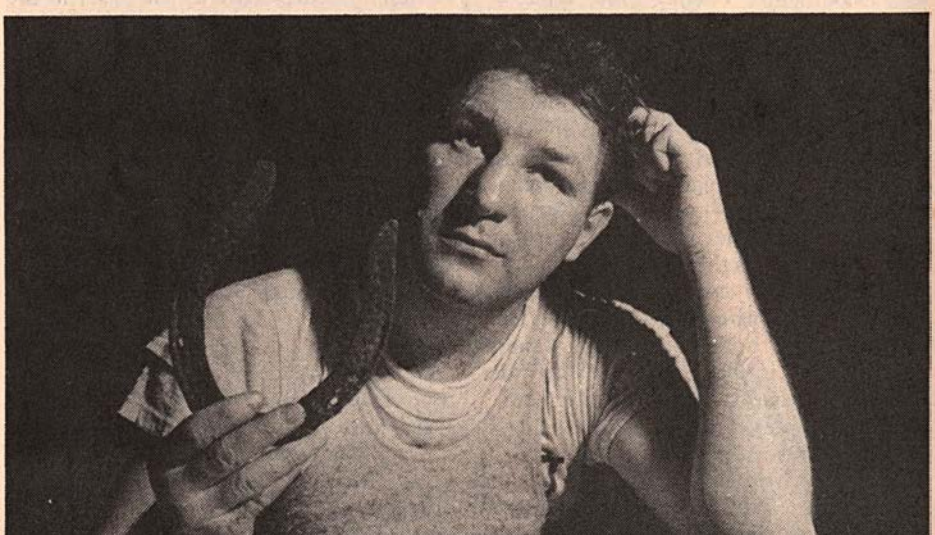
Absolutely. But when a bad decision is rendered, chances are you'll find politics at the bottom of it. The judges (or some other party) have decided that it would be better for boxing if one guy won, and sure enough he wins. Therefore, if you're analyzing a bad decision, you have to consider its political implications.

Take the Holmes-Williams fight. Let's examine all the reasons why Holmes *should have won*. First, there was Larry's unbeaten streak. Who wanted to see it end? Then there was the precarious state of the heavyweight division right now. Of the three men who claim the title, only Holmes has truly established himself as Heavyweight Champion of the World. With him gone, would we have a credible champion?

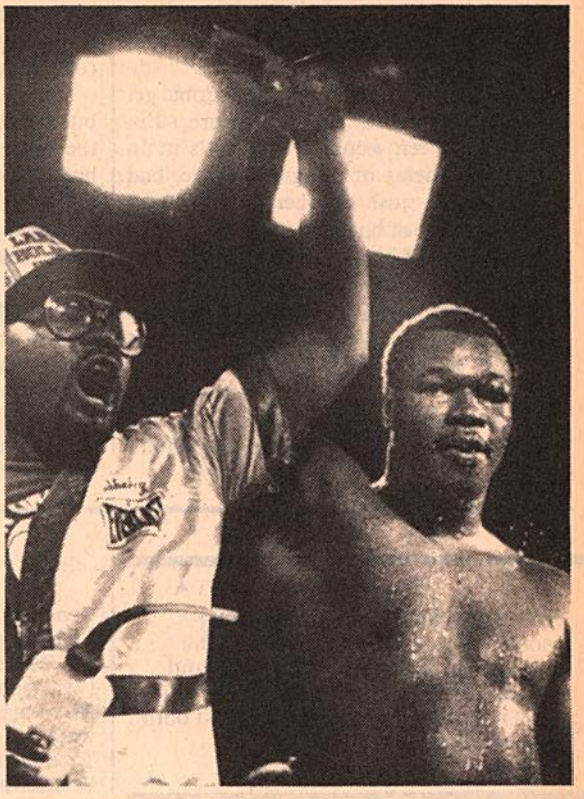
Thirdly, although I felt Williams won the fight, it was close. Not only that, but Holmes was without doubt the stronger fighter at the end. Had it been a fight to the finish, Holmes must have won. It's hard to take away a championship in such a close fight, especially when the challenger is visibly fading.

Therefore, I have no quarrel with the judge who gave the fight to Holmes by one point. I had Williams up by two, but there were enough close rounds in there that my scoring could have been a little off.

My quarrel is with the two judges who scored the fight for Holmes by 146-139 (11-



**▶Billy Graham's lucky horse shoe didn't help him much during his infamous bout with Kid Gavilan in 1951. But author D'O'Brian figures the shafting Billy got from the judges helped earn Graham his special niche in boxing history.**



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**◀A pair of sights▶ that angered fans across the globe—Larry Holmes and Wilfredo Gomez being declared the winners following their controversial fights with Carl 'The Truth' Willams and Rocky Lockridge.**

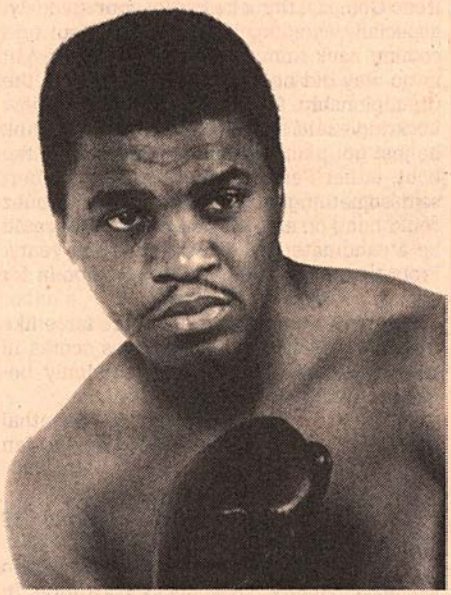
4, in other words). I'm sorry, but there ain't no way Holmes won eleven rounds.

Look at it this way: At the end of twelve rounds, most sensible people had the fight close enough that it was still up for grabs. Williams faded in the last three rounds, and if anything cost him the fight, it was that fact. But these two jokers had Holmes up by 8-4 at the end of twelve. That means that even if Williams had sucked it up and slapped Holmes silly for the rest of the fight, he would have lost.

Now that ain't right. It's all very well to want Holmes to stay undefeated, but personally I'd be ashamed to stay unbeaten that way. And if you want to talk about practical matters, just imagine the confusion that's going to occur if we allow Holmes to retire undefeated! Maybe by the year 2000 there'll be another fighter who can gain *universal* recognition as heavyweight champ—unless Holmes loses his title in the ring.

Anyway, it remains to be seen how badly Williams and Lockridge will be hurt by these recent robberies. I think they'll be okay. Usually, if a fighter is twisted out of a duke he's earned, it'll just make him tougher and more determined. These two are good fighters, and they'll be heard from again.

But supposing they never quite reach the top again? Supposing they each fade out without ever getting another bite at the apple? Supposing they have to go through



**▲Some fans still feel that Jimmy Young should have received the nod when he fought Muhammad Ali for the heavyweight title. But was Young really robbed? Or did he just make Muhammad look bad?**

the rest of their lives haunted by that saddest of all phrases, "Almost, but not quite"? That's a scary thing to think about.

Of course, even if they don't make it back to the top, chances are that posterity will remember them kindly. It sometimes happens, after all, that being robbed will make a fighter for life. Look at Billy Graham.

Is there a serious boxing fan who hasn't heard the sad story of Billy Graham? Billy Graham, who challenged Kid Gavilan for the welterweight title in 1951 and was the victim, so they say, of the worst decision in the history of Madison Square Garden? Billy Graham, the much-beloved "Uncrowned Champ"?

I've lost count of how many times I've heard the story. Every time I go to a fight at the Felt Forum, if Billy's there, the guy next to me is sure to nudge me and say, "See that guy over there? That's Billy Graham. I was there that night . . ." Every American male over the age of 40 has at one point or another claimed to have attended the Gavilan-Graham bout.

Now, suppose Graham had got the decision that night. He and Gavilan fought again in 1952, after all, and Gavilan won easily. So Graham would have had the welterweight title on loan from Gavilan for a year, and then would have been relegated to the same scrap heap on which lie other welterweight champs. How many people remember Red Cochrane? Pete Latzo? Don Jordan?

See what I'm saying? Losing a decision that he should have won was what made Graham for life and beyond. No one will ever forget him. I hear the story from old

men now; when I'm ninety, I'll be telling the story to ten-year-olds. If Graham had won, who would remember?

That's one reason why I seldom get angry over a bad decision. Sure, I'm outraged for ten seconds, but that's it. In the larger scheme of things, I realize, bad decisions are just another part of the wonderful lore of boxing.

Sometimes, if it's not an important fight, bad decisions can even be fun. I'm reminded of a fight I saw last year between a pair of young middleweights, Tony Holt of New York and Tarmo Uusivirta of Finland.

It was fought in New York, and everybody knew that Holt was a tough kid and that Uusivirta was a European. Therefore no contest. It would go two rounds, tops.

Well, the cow got loose and killed the butcher. Uusivirta gave as good as he got in the early rounds, and in the late rounds he had Tony Holt sucking wind and hanging on for dear life. It was such an unexpectedly good performance that the New York crowd was rooting for the Finn from the sixth round onwards. After the eight scheduled rounds, everybody in the stands agreed that Uusivirta deserved the nod. They also agreed that he wouldn't get it.

They were right. The judges' decision for Holt was greeted with boos, but they were good-natured boos, mixed with wry laughter. The man next to me yelled, "Welcome to New York, Tarmo!" and we all giggled.

As it happened, and as the judges should have known, they weren't doing Holt a favor by giving him that decision. An official loss might have caused him to take a break, rest up, then go back to the gym and correct his mistakes. Instead, he was back in the ring a few weeks later, against a plodding journeyman named Randy Smith. Smith stretched him in three rounds.

This time, my seat-mate turned to me and cracked, "Give Uusivirta an assist on that one!"

As I have illustrated, there are bad decisions and bad decisions. Some, like

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**Part of the deluge of mail *The Ring* received from readers following the telecasts of the Gomez-Lockridge and Holmes-Williams bouts. The letters have been running about 10 to 1 against both official decisions.**

5/21/85

Dear Editor:

It is a sad state-of-affairs for boxing when the heavyweight champion of the world doesn't need to win any more than six of a scheduled fifteen rounds to retain his title.

But then we've seen in the past on too many occasions what a champion's "past" reputation can do to influence the judging outcome of a title fight. And now with Marciano's record hanging in-the-balance, and after the Holmes-Williams affair, it would certainly seem that all Larry needs to do is merely show up for his next couple of fights and go the distance, if need be, and he's home free.

I think Larry Holmes has been a great fighter, and an exciting and fine champion.

But this past May 20th he was given a gift that he shouldn't be proud of.

Don Stover
Orange, Calif.

May, '85

Gentlemen:

I have just witnessed the Rocky Lockridge vs. Wilfredo Gomez match and must say that I walked away from my T.V. set disgusted. After hearing the decision I wonder if I just watched the same match as the judges. Though I usually disagree with Ferdie Pacheco's scores, I feel that he was right this time. Not to take anything away from Wilfredo Gomez, I think he fought courageously, especially avoiding being knocked out and coming back from the brink of disaster, but in no way did he beat Lockridge or win the Championship. In the post fight interview Lockridge said he got "out hustled". I think he just got plain old hustled. Midway in the bout, either Ferdie Pacheco or Marv Albert said something to the effect that if Gomez could hang on and get lucky, this fight could be a candidate for "comeback of the year". From what I saw, this fight is a shoo-in for "worst decision of the year."

Now, after witnessing one more farce like this, the notion of posting judges scores in the arena, after each round, suddenly becomes infinitely more appealing.

Howard S. Rosenthal
Avid boxing fan

May, '85

Dear Editor:

I am writing minutes after Wilfredo Gomez's "victory" over Rocky Lockridge. In all my years of watching boxing I have never seen such an outrageous decision. Gomez did win the 11th, 12th, and 13th rounds, but Lockridge swarmed all over Gomez and had Gomez all but knocked out, it reminds me of the judging at the Hagler-Duran fight, totally absurd. I would like to see biased judges banned from boxing. I know I am not the only one sickened by this decision! As far as Lockridge goes; go get Gomez. Prove to the world that he is nothing but a fluke champion. Just like his buddy Hector Camacho.

Mike Gimler
West Allis, WI.

May 27, 1985

Dear Editor,

It's becoming all too obvious that the only reason Larry Holmes continues fighting is to secure his place in the history books. It certainly can't be for the money or the fun of it anymore. His recent performance against one Carl Williams, once again, strongly suggests he's on his last legs as a fighter. Even against less skilled or inexperienced opponents he's had a difficult time maintaining championship calibre. In my opinion had Holmes not been a long term incumbent title holder he would not have been awarded the decision. True, a challenger (especially a heavy underdog) knows he must take it to the champ bell to bell, eliminating any trace of doubt in the judges eyes. Williams did just enough of this to have been given the nod. How two judges could have scored Holmes 7 points better is one of the more outrageous miscarriages of justice I've seen in several years.

Give Larry his due though, in his prime he was one of the division's best champions. It's kind of sad, therefore, to watch him just hanging on at age 35, solely to break Marciano's undefeated streak. I shudder to think at what Michael Spinks would have done to him had he been the challenger.

Gary Kimber
Downsview, Canada

Gomez-Lockridge, are just plain awful and unforgivable. Some, like Gavilan-Graham, are bad when they happen, but they work themselves out in the *Gestalt* sense. Some are unimportant and worth no more than a good loud boo, like Holt-Uusivirta. And some, like Holmes-Williams, are borderline cases on which reasonable men can differ.

There is another kind of bad decision that happens frequently, but that nobody ever talks about. This is when the judges render a correct verdict, but the fans think the wrong guy has won.

You used to see this now and then at the end of Muhammad Ali's career, when he was going downhill but still had enough left to beat anyone else in the world. He would win his fights, but if he didn't win them big, a lot of fans would come away with the mistaken impression that he'd lost.

Some people say that Jimmy Young was robbed against Ali. Practically everyone feels that Ken Norton beat Ali in their third fight. And there's a popular myth that Marvin Hagler won big the first time he fought Vito Antuofermo, and that the verdict of a draw was an outrage.

They're all wrong. Young made it close, but he lost. Norton made Ali look bad, but Ali still won nine of the fifteen rounds. And the Hagler-Antuofermo war was as close a fight as you'd ever want to see; there's no way either fighter could have won by more than a point.

How can I make all these statements so confidently? Why, for the same reason that another guy can say that Norton beat Ali, or that the Gomez-Lockridge decision was correct after all, or that Lucien Rodriguez should have been given the nod over Larry Holmes. Because, in the eyes of every boxing fan in the world, there is no boxing expert who is as expert as himself. I am boxing's foremost authority—says me. I don't know as much as Seymour Schmuck—says Seymour Schmuck. 'Twas ever thus, and 'twill ever be. That's why we should, in a sense, be grateful for bad decisions. They just go to prove what a damn fool everyone else is. □

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May, '85

Gentlemen:

Crime is nothing new to boxing. And that refers to robberies in and out of the ring.

I still wince when I recall how Jimmy Ellis got the nod over Floyd Patterson or, more recently, when Snipes took a decision from Coetzee.

But these crimes, while blatant, do not compare with the one commited yesterday. The others were misdemeanors. This was grand theft.

Rocky Lockridge might, as he even admitted, run out of gas in his fight with Wilfredo Gomez, but there is nonetheless no way the challenger took the title away. Gomez could not even stand following the beating he took. For fifteen rounds he did nothing but clinch and paw and wrestle while Rocky worked him over. This is a disgrace!!!

Somehow a new regulation must be introduced into the sport, one which would prevent judges from the same country as either of the fighters participating on an official level. Lockridge should sue.

Bruce Dettman
Castro Valley CA.

May 20, 1985

Dear Editor:

Larry Holmes has been a great Heavyweight Champion. I do not dispute this. He has fought the best of the division, and some of the best up and coming new fighters. What I think should be said is some of his fans think he lost the fight against Carl Williams. Thank the judges for that one Larry, because we both know Carl won the fight.

Since the judges gave you the decision, I think you should consider retiring—again—third on the all time list of great heavyweights, that is behind the young Muhamad Ali and the young Joe Louis.

Remember, old champions who continue to fight do not set records when they are over the hill, rather they end up taking a beating by the future contenders.

If you continue to fight let's see you fight either Michael Spinks or Gerry Cooney. If money is what you want those are the men you should fight. Also they are bona fide opponents.

The End!

Clay A. Ramsey
Spearfish, S.D.

May, '85

Dear Sirs,

I am shocked at the decision of the Larry Holmes-Carl Williams fight. When will the judges of title matches ignore who the champion is and base their judgement on the better fighter? Carl Williams outpointed Holmes, yet he didn't get one judge's nod. Do referees, umpires, and other officials of the four major sports (baseball, football, basketball, hockey) give the championship games to the defending champs even though they didn't win? I should say not. With the Wilfredo Gomez, Larry Holmes decisions boxing has suffered another black eye. Holmes was a great champ, but he is old, fat, and losing his best weapon, the jab. Yet Larry continues winning on the judges sentimentality. Let's hope boxing judges wake up.

Paul Santaniello
Springfield, MA.

May, '85

Dear Ring,

After witnessing the scoring of the Gomez-Lockridge and Holmes-Williams bouts I have to wonder if boxing has gone from being a sport to being a business. Both Lockridge and Williams didn't lose in the ring they lost out of the ring. They were beaten by corruption. More money can be made with Holmes and Gomez as reigning champions.

People mock the Primo Camera era of boxing, Well, sorry folks not much has changed since then. When you see referee Joey Curtis still active, trainers like Panama Lewis still working, and two fighters in the ring being promoted by the same man something has definitely got to be wrong.

The system as it stands can work, it's just that all the wrong people are at the controls. The fans and sportswriters opinions don't count. It's the judges at ringside, the three boxing associations, and the promoters who pass judgement.

Daniel E. Kaslow III
Grand Rapids, Michigan

# UNHOOKED

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**By Mike Bruton**

STATELINE, NEV.—THERE IS good news and bad news for Tyrell Biggs' future opponents.

The good news is that Biggs is standing inside and fighting instead of jabbing and running, making himself somewhat easier to hit.

The bad news is that he doesn't take drugs anymore.

The Tyrell Biggs who fought the world's best amateurs in the last two years, the one who won the gold medal as a super heavyweight in the 1984 Olympic Games, was merely a shell of the Tyrell Biggs who won his third professional fight here last month by stopping Grady Daniels.

The old Biggs was wandering through a maze of cocaine use, finding himself only long enough to use his ample athletic ability for yet another uninspiring victory.

The new Biggs shows a crackling jab, a ponderous left hook and the will to use them. Oh, and the right hand is coming along, too. He's 6-foot-5, weighs roughly 220 pounds, and he hurts people.

"I was never dedicated like I am now," Biggs said as he relaxed at Caesars Tahoe a day before he fought Daniels. "I believe the guy I'm fighting—nine out of 10 times—is not going to be as dedicated as I am. I don't drink and I don't have anything else to do but be dedicated."

It was after his professional debut in Madison Square Garden in November that Biggs let a habit he had picked up on the streets consume him.

***After kicking cocaine, Tyrell Biggs refocuses his life on boxing***

He had free-based cocaine sporadically for more than a year, controlling the habit enough not to be detected by the U.S. Olympic Committee's antidoping program.

"I was a good actor," Biggs said. "I knew when to stop. I had myself paced. If you did anything within five days of when you were going to be tested, it would show up." Biggs would even quit using cocaine for extended periods when he put his mind to it.

"I never mixed getting high with training," Biggs continued. "It was a pretty curious situation because I never mixed the two. The training was like my withdrawal from the drugs. I'd be glad when the fight came. When the fight was over, it was time to go back [to using cocaine] until I started training for the next fight."

Biggs had shown tremendous self-discipline but, finally, after being booed in his debut the same way he had been at the Olympics and through most of his amateur career, the 24-year-old fighter from West Philadelphia couldn't find the control.

Instead he found himself in a frightening world where his existence was measured by the vapors that oozed out of a glass pipe.

"You don't get hooked overnight," said Biggs, who moved to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., several months before the Summer Games to get away from the streets and the drugs. "With some people it might take a week, with some it might take a year. With me, off and on, I was messing around with it for about two years.

"I guess it got to a point where I lost that grip. I wanted to stop, but I couldn't."

On Dec. 30, Biggs checked himself into the CareUnit Hospital, a renowned drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility in Orange, Calif. He underwent inpatient treatment for three weeks.

Biggs, who with former Olympic boxers Mark Breland, Meldrick Taylor, Pernell Whitaker and Evander Holyfield is involved in a $10 million package deal with Main Events Promotions and ABC Sports, wanted to preserve his career. He knew something had to be done.

"When you come up on the streets, you either die, go to jail or straighten up," Biggs said. "The money I was putting into it was ridiculous. In a day, when it got bad—four to six hundred [dollars]."

Then there were other days when Biggs was able to control the urge enough to spend only $50.

Still, the periods of abstinence that Biggs had used so artfully in

preparing for the Olympics were growing shorter and shorter.

He was a pro. He didn't have to worry about drug tests as much. The gold medal, the key to his marketability, was in his grasp.

"I'd get in the car, and it was like automatic pilot," said Biggs, recalling the most horrifying moments of his brush with cocaine. "I'd go right to [buy some], knowing I didn't want to do it. Then I had a bad reaction. I thought I was ODing. . . . My heart was going so fast, I didn't know what it was doing to me.

"It takes over your whole state of mind. I look back and I laugh at some of the things I did and said. It wasn't me. A lot of my so-called buddies didn't have as much riding on it as I did. When you come from the streets like I did," Biggs said before a pensive pause, ". . . if I wasn't boxing and I was back home, I'd be getting high now, probably."

Boxing undoubtedly saved Biggs. It was a higher purpose. It kept him from becoming a hard case.

Biggs fell in love with boxing after his father, James, took him to the Spectrum to see Muhammad Ali fight Joe Frazier on closed-circuit television.

At age 10, Biggs was so inspired—specifically by the charismatic Ali—that he persuaded his father to put a punching bag in the basement of their home.

Before long he was in the gym, and 114 fights and 108 victories later, Biggs stoon on the victory stand in Los Angeles. Biggs went from the pinnacle to the brink of self-destruction in just a few months.

His six-round debut decision over Mike Evans drew boos, while Taylor, Whitaker, Holyfield and Breland, to a lesser extent, got rave reviews.

Biggs had begun to doubt himself. He started believing his critics. He thought he couldn't punch, or maybe he just wasn't tough enough to be a fighter.

In his first fight after the rehabilitation program, Biggs got the best therapy possible.

He knocked Mike Perkins senseless with a left hook and stopped him in the second round of an April 20 fight.

"That knockout made all the difference in the world to him," said George Benton. "That's all he would talk about the next several days."

Benton, who first trained Biggs years ago, is tutoring the young fighter in the ways of pro boxing.

Benton and Biggs make a good team because Benton, a feared middleweight contender in the late 1950s, grew up on the streets of North Philadelphia.

"We talk a lot," Benton said. "Me being from the streets like he is makes him feel he can talk to me. One day we were sitting in the [hotel] room and he started talking. That knockout was like a stimulant for him. I told him, 'This is your drug. This is what you should be hooked on.'"

Benton stopped Biggs from punching off balance and showed him how he could bend at the waist to avoid punches and still be in range to deliver blows of his own.

Biggs had begun to incorporate the new moves in his style when he fought Evans, but it wasn't all there.

Since leaving the CareUnit, Biggs has put it all together, and he's still learning.

**Tyrell Biggs (left) jolts Hassan Shabbaz on his way to a victory during the Olympic boxing trials. Biggs, however, has found the going much tougher in the pro ranks.**

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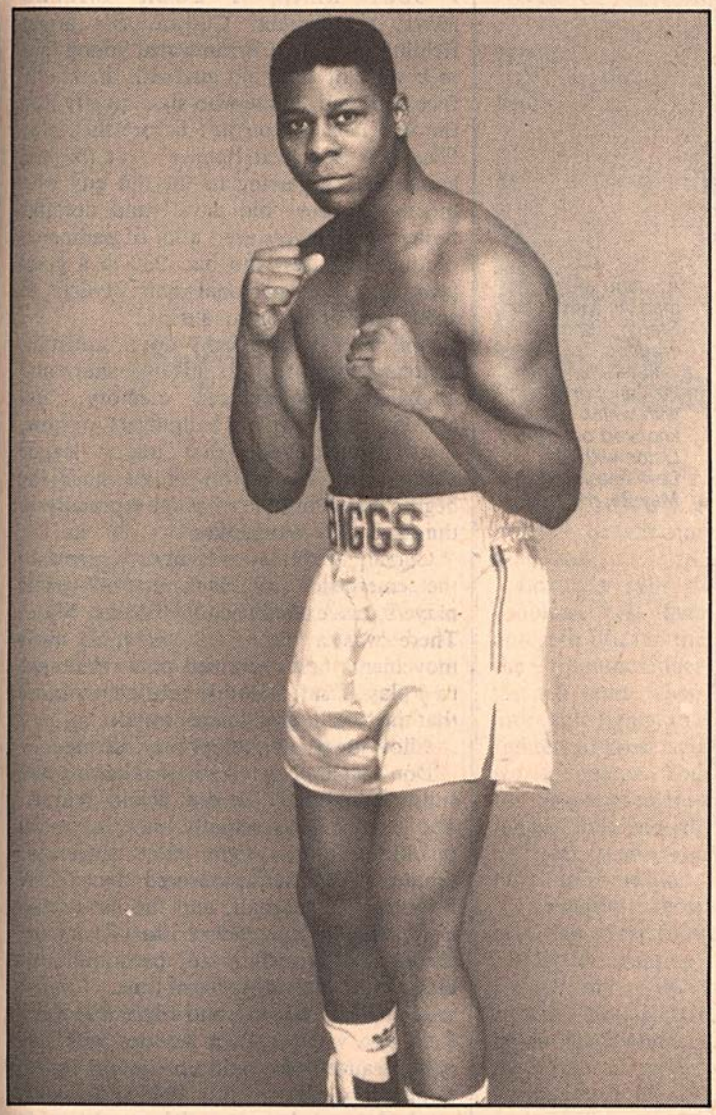
**—Tyrell Biggs**




"He is working harder than anybody in the gym," said Lou Duva, who co-manages Biggs with Shelly Finkel. "You ought to see him. I'm telling you, this kid is going to be something. He's not just going into a fight looking to get it over with."

Biggs is looking to get the fights over with, but these days he wants to end it with an impressive flurry, not so he can take a hit of cocaine.

When he talks about nailing Perkins, Biggs' eyes light up like a child's would on Christmas morning.

"To tell you the truth, I was surprised," Biggs said, before describing the moment. "I had gotten to the point where I believed maybe I couldn't knock people out. It was weird. I didn't expect the punch to do as much damage as it did. I didn't really throw it as hard as I could. When I hid him, I looked at him, and I saw his eyes go back in his head. I'm to the point now where I can carry a guy four rounds and knock him out in the fifth."

When he fought Daniels, Biggs was just as devastating. He drilled Daniels with stiff jabs and ripped at his ribs with hooks.

After two rounds, Daniels quit in his corner, complaining that he had injured one of his eyes.

"I feel more comfortable with George and my brother," said Biggs, referring to Xavier Biggs, 28, a retired welterweight. "They know how it is. These professional people in California judge you as a percentage and not as an individual."

Biggs, who recently moved to Southern California near the CareUnit, said he relies on Benton and Xavier's worldly wisdom more than he does on counseling from Joseph Pursch, the man who treated him.

Their knowledge of the predatory nature of the streets, he said, keeps him steady and out of trouble.

"This Dr. Pursch is sharp, but me and George see more eye to eye because he's speaking from experience and not something he learned," Biggs said. "If it had really gotten down to it and that hospital wasn't an option, I think I would've gotten over it. As a matter of fact, I know I would've.

"I know guys I used to be with back in Philly [who beat drug problems with no professional supervision]. I had a friend and we'd been doing it [cocaine] together for about two months, and every time I'd go over there, I'd notice something else was missing from his apartment. He was selling it. It got to a point where he didn't have nothing in his apartment. Then he got evicted because he couldn't pay rent. Now, he's driving a BMW. He's back on his feet."

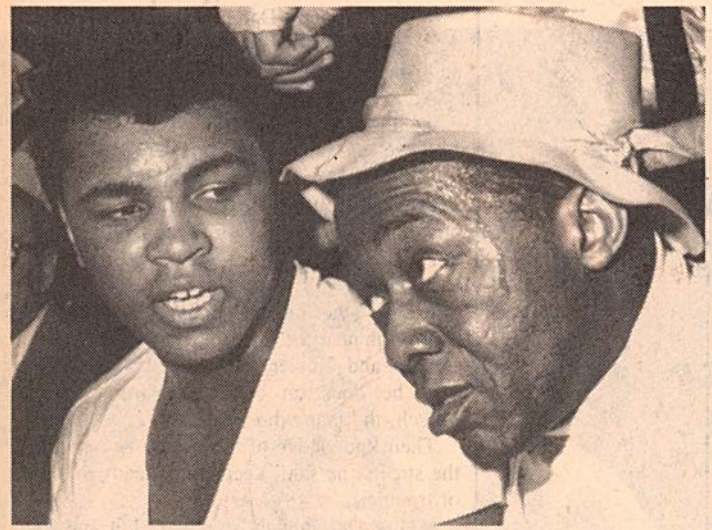
Biggs had something that his friend didn't have—a well-known name. It was just as necessary for him to enter the hospital to prove that he had cleaned up his act as it was to rid himself of the cocaine habit.

Admitting himself to the CareUnit expedited the matter. He got good, professional counseling to serve as a foundation for the moral support he gets from Benton, Xavier and other loved ones.

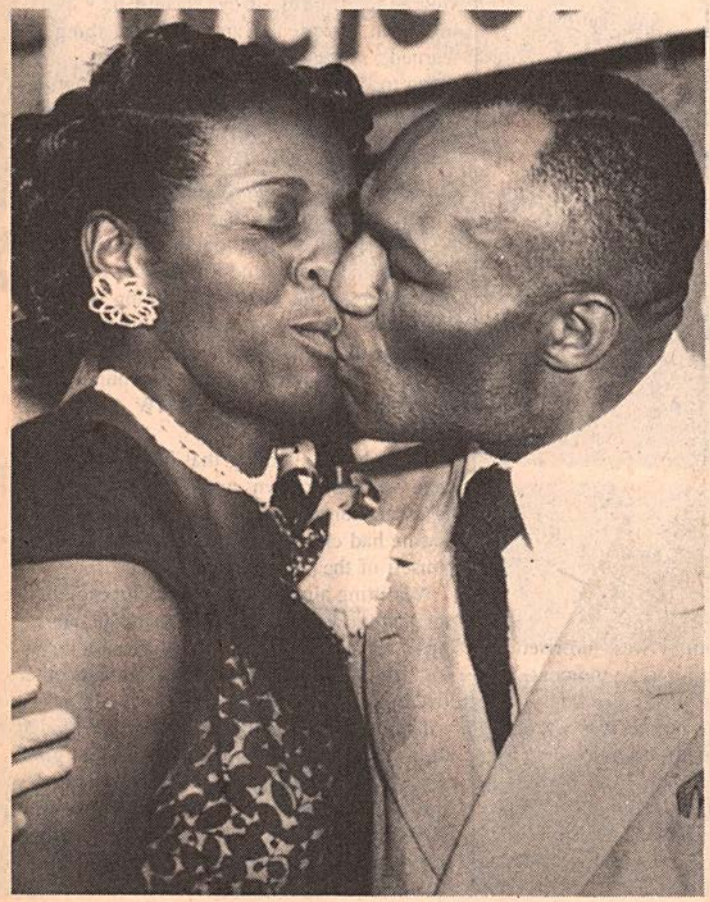
The battle has just begun. Biggs knows that all it takes is just one meeting with that glass pipe to put him back in psychological chains.

Biggs believes he'll persevere. He sounds like a man who desperately wants to remain a nonsmoker, and who would rather fight than switch. □

# SOLID GOLD MAN



*A young Muhammad Ali with actor Stepin Fetchit. Ali credited Fetchit with teaching him the "anchor punch" with which he knocked out Sonny Liston with at Lewiston Maine, May 25, 1965.*



*Newly-crowned heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott kisses his wife Lydia in front of Camden, New Jersey's City Hall during the celebration that followed his title-winning knockout of Ezzard Charles in 1951.*

I JUST READ A BOOK CALLED *Mitts*, by William Curran. It's about fielding, and Mr. Curran warns young fans to beware of "the old guy with the kindly face and ready smile who slips quietly into the seat next to you just before they play 'The Star Spangled Banner' " at the ball game. He's referring to the old guy who moans for the "old days" and declares today's ballplayers are "a lot of pampered multimillionaires who bat .230 in a good year and hire personal hair stylists to accompany them on road trips."

Mr. Curran then calls upon statistics, contemporary accounts, his own sharp and amazingly unprejudiced memory, and conversations with old ballplayers to show, pretty conclusively, that major league fielding has steadily improved since the beginning of organized play, especially in the years after World War II.

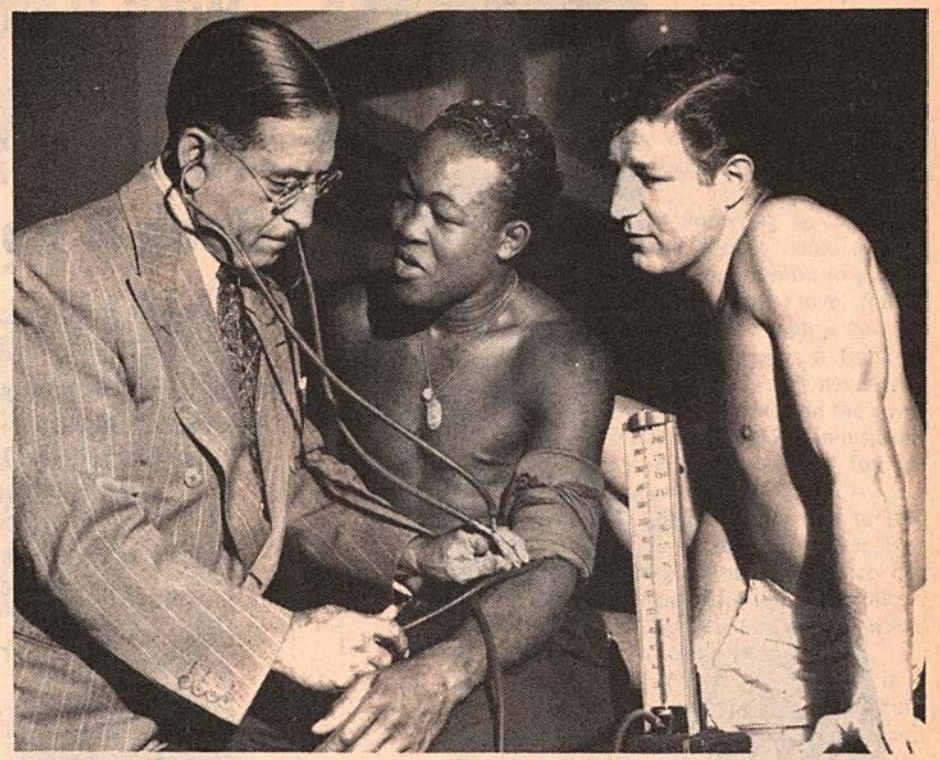
Curran attributes this improvement to the emergence of black and Hispanic players, as exemplified by Willie Mays. There was a daring, an *elan*, in their movements best described as a reluctance to "play it safe" and a refusal to figure that the "ball's going to get by you."

Allow me to say the same for boxing.

Don't let anyone tell you that boxing was fully "integrated" before World War II. The late 1940s actually saw a racial revolution in the fight game almost as dramatic as that pioneered by Jackie Robinson in baseball, and the list of top heavyweight contenders turned from predominantly white to predominantly black within a short space of time.

Jersey Joe Walcott and Elmer (Violent) Ray, two veteran black heavies who had quit because they could not obtain fights, came out of retirement in 1945 and quickly reached contender status. It's worth noting that the Louis-Walcott fight in 1947 marked only the second time that the Brown Bomber had defended his crown against a black man. And when Louis announced his retirement in 1949, the National Boxing Association had two black men—Walcott and Ezzard Charles—fight for the vacant crown. Would—or could—that have happened ten years earlier?

The increase in general proficiency in boxing since the early 1940s is observable



*Billy Graham (far right) and Kid Gavilan take a pre-fight medical exam prior to their famous 1951 title fight at Madison Square Garden. The fight is still making news. Read "Solid Goldman" for the details.*

in fight films. Post-World War II men are faster, move more often, and are far more skillful re. such things as combination punching than they were in the "old days."

The last—and possibly the greatest—revolution came in the 1960s, when Cassius Clay/Muhammad Ali threw the rule book out and employed *elan*, style, self confidence, and all the other stuff that Mr. Curran writes about to dethrone the supposedly invincible Sonny Liston. Sonny, it turned out, was not invincible. He just looked that way to fighters of the "old days." (Of course, there was no shortage of old-timers claiming what Jim Jeffries, et. al., would have done to Liston.)

Some comments on a double standard . . . The great Harry Greb's use of "the thumb" is legendary. Greb, whose reputation for avoiding gyms and training was not as well earned as many have believed, is usually *admired* for his thumbing by the old guard; it was part of his "cleverness." Yet when Larry Holmes gives somebody the thumb—as he has on numerous occasions—he is ostracized. Double standard? Who is kidding whom??

This post-Viet Nam War period is, without a doubt, the real "Golden Age of Sports"—with more sports, more athletes, a wider talent pool, and a lot more money. Unfortunately, there are no longer any "career minor league" baseball players, and no journeyman fighters with twenty fights a year. Everything is "make or break," and that's because of TV. You either make it big, get on TV and grab the moolah, or you cannot make a living. And that's sad.

Boxing's split titles are a legitimate problem. Yes, there were joint claimants and split titles in the past, but nothing like the continuous duel championships of the last ten years. Then again, there are a lot more title fights. In the old days, there were fighters of great calibre who never got to be world champs. Today, if a fighter has a fair degree of talent and hangs around near the top long enough, the chances are good he'll eventually become a "world champion" of some kind.

I wouldn't recommend it, but some historian of the future is going to have a lot of fun "designating" past contests as "title fights" and recognizing winners as world champs. Young Stribling, for example, will be declared world cruiserweight champion by virtue of a victory over any one of several worthies at 190-195 pounds in the early 1930s.

Watch it happen.

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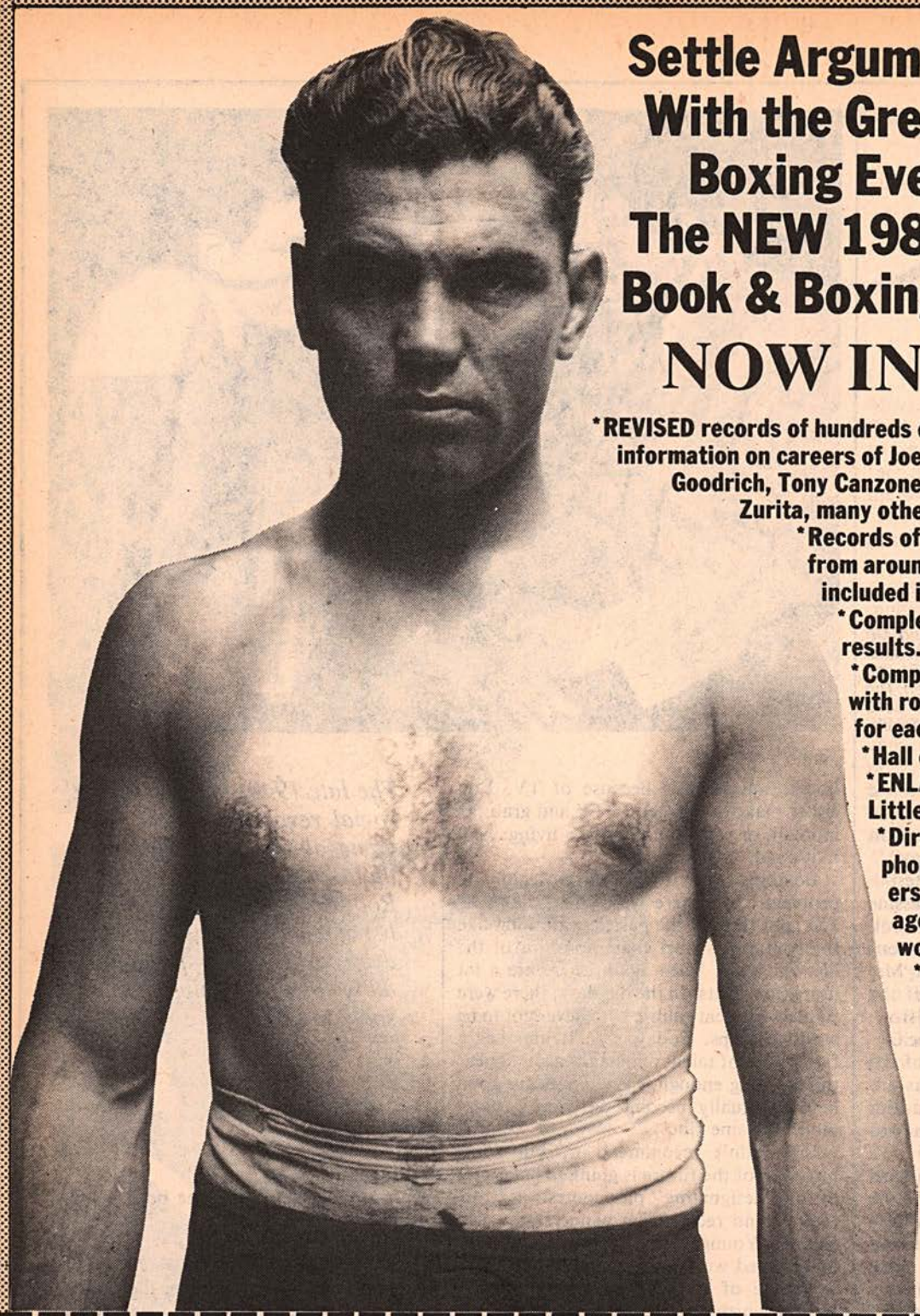

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# New Faces

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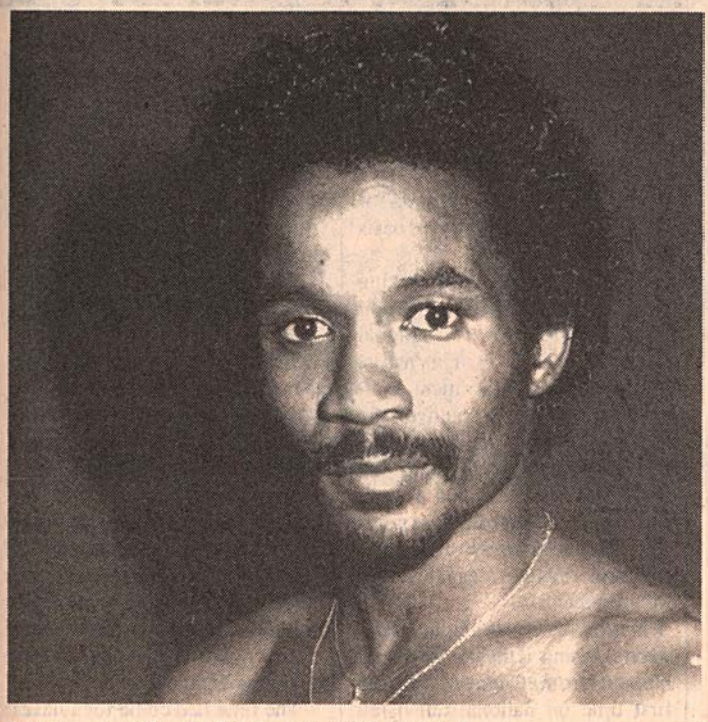
## GREG RICHARDSON



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GREG (THE FLEA) RICHARDSON doesn't let the cat-calls and snide remarks bother him. When someone suggests that his nickname should be spelled Flee—as in, run like a thief—Greg simply reminds them that the winner is the one who can hit, and not get hit in return. And this is something Richardson does very well.

So far this approach has served him well. After an early career four-round decision loss, Greg has run (pun intended) off 13 straight wins. Along the way he captured both the NABF bantamweight title and the USBA junior-featherweight crown. Even before the latest victory, Greg was ranked number four by the WBA, and number six by the WBC.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio in February of 1958, Greg still calls the former steel mill town his home. Single, he has three brothers (older brother Chester and younger sibling Randy are both active professional boxers) and five sisters. He credits both mom and dad for being "my main inspiration," and, "always encouraging me."

He got into boxing at age 15 when Chester's trainer asked him if he wanted to enter a tournament. His extensive amateur career encompasses a 260-15 record, including winning the National Golden Gloves flyweight title in 1974. The pressures of high-school life kept him from concentrating fully on boxing and in 1976 Greg lost to Bernard Taylor in the Olympic tryouts. He stuck around for the 1980 Games, but the Presidential boycott left him demoralized.

It took Richardson nearly two years to turn professional. There wasn't much pro boxing going on around Youngstown at the time. His career finally got a boost when he hooked up with the young energetic Philadelphia (no jokes please) lawyer Mike Garnick. He has not looked back since. He went to school to learn auto body repair work, but Richardson's only full-time job now is boxing.

Greg is called The Flea "because of the way I move, my speed." He adds, "I'm stronger than I'm given credit for, but that is yet to be seen however." At age 27, he feels he has a good mix of ability and experience.

Right now, he has two titles to defend. Greg would prefer to battle the little guys first and then move up. He reasons that if he defeats the bigger ones first, then none of the smaller ones will want to box him. He claims he can even make flyweight, and says his average walking around weight is 116-pounds (he weighed only 119 in beating Oscar Muniz).

Greg was the underdog in both the Harold Petty and Muniz bouts and in neither case did he compromise to please. He did what he does best: move, flurry, move, flurry, and maybe even a counter move here and there. He is a thinking man's boxer. His methods may never earn him SRO crowds nor his face on the cover of *Time* (*The Ring*, maybe) but in his case, overt bravery is no substitute for intelligence and a good set of legs.

Greg has a go-getter approach to life. Under the guiding hand of trainer Earl Charity, he doesn't limit his work to just the Cardinal Boxing Club gym. He follows the game outside the ring because he wants to know what the competition is up to.

Richardson's style gives foes fits. It is very difficult to look good against a runner. They'll have to be ready to chase and chase, warding off frustration along the way. Presently, Richardson has a promotional agreement with Don Elbaum and Teddy Menas of The Tropicana in Atlantic City. It will be their job to sell "The Flea," but not at flea market prices. □

### THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF GREG RICHARDSON

Youngstown, Ohio bantamweight
Manager: Michael J. Garnick
Trainer: Earl Charity

| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1982 | | |
| Feb. 26 | Al Dunlap | Youngstown | KO 1 |
| Mar. 17 | Henry Lee | Niles | KO 1 |
| May 8 | Brett Livingston | Davison | W 4 |
| July 24 | Simon Feaster | Niles | W 4 |
| Aug. 23 | Clarence Miller | Atlantic City | KO 2 |
| Oct. 14 | Francis Childs | Conschohocken | L 6 |
| | 1983 | | |
| Apr. 24 | Francis Childs | Atlantic City | W 8 |
| July 27 | Baby Kid Chocolate | Philadelphia | W 8 |
| Sept. 27 | Felix Marquez | Atlantic City | W 8 |
| Nov. 15 | Sonny Long | Atlantic City | W 8 |
| | 1984 | | |
| Jan. 17 | Diego Rosario | Atlantic City | W 8 |
| Apr. 3 | John Norman | Atlantic City | KO 2 |
| Apr. 17 | Romy Navarrete | Honolulu | W 10 |
| May 26 | Edgar Acevedo | Miami | W 10 |
| July 31 | Roy Muniz | Atlantic City | KO 8 |
| Sept. 20 | Harold Petty (Won NABF Bantamweight Title) | Las Vegas | W 12 |
| Nov. 13 | Alfonso Lopez | Atlantic City | W 10 |
| | 1985 | | |
| Jan. 25 | James Manning (Retained NABF Title) | Portland | W 12 |
| June 4 | Oscar Muniz (Won USBA Junior Feather Title) | Atlantic City | W 12 |

**SUMMARY**

| TOTAL BOUTS | WINS | LOSSES | DRAWS | KOs |
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# Ring Side Reports

## FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

*WBC super featherweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez, acknowledges the cheers of the crowd after stopping Roger Mayweather in the second round of their title bout in Las Vegas. The impressive victory allowed Chavez to keep his belt and also garnered him THE RING's Fighter of the Month Award.*

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

Every now and then, a fighter comes along who socks so hard that he can virtually end a fight with one punch. Such a fighter usually means plenty of excitement and big box office receipts. The latest knockout artist of this ilk is WBC super featherweight champion *Julio Cesar Chavez*, who wins our September Fighter of the Month award on the strength of his second round blastout of former WBA title holder Roger Mayweather. Although the undefeated Chavez has had 45 pro bouts, the Mayweather victory was his first exposure on national television. We are sure it won't be his last.

This month's runner up is WBC heavyweight boss *Pinklon Thomas*, who made the first successful defense of his belt with an eighth round knockout over Mike Weaver. The give-and-take match was just about even after seven rounds, but Thomas showed excellent power, icing his brave challenger with a perfect right to the jaw.

Honorable mention goes to cruiserweight contender *Bash Ali*, who stopped Anthony Davis in the ninth round to annex the NABF crown.

### CHAVEZ-MAYWEATHER
*WBC Super Featherweight Title*

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—JULIO Cesar Chavez couldn't have picked a better July afternoon for his fistic debut in this storied oasis of chance.

The 23-year-old World Boxing Council super featherweight champion was in town on national election day (July 7) in his native Mexico. Though political controversy may exist south of the border, Chavez proved his growing celebrity was anything but fraudulent. He collected a landslide of ballots from his peers after an awesome two-round destruction of Las Vegas' Roger Mayweather.

North American fight buffs were seeing the 130-pound kingpin from Culiacan for the first time on national television (CBS), and they had to be just as impressed as the 1,500 "live" spectators who ignored 108-degree weather to enjoy the Riviera Hotel-Casino's 10th world championship bout in 16 months in its air-conditioned SuperStar Theatre.

Chavez, a pro since 1980, sizzled like the temperature in extending his imposing record to 45-0, making Mayweather his 41st kayo victim in a co-promotion by Don King and the Dunes Hotel and Country Club. (The Riviera served as the site landlord).

In his second title defense, the handsome Latin wizard of swat earned $75,000 while the former World Boxing Association junior lightweight ruler had to settle for $25,000. It was a bitter defeat for Mayweather, whose credentials skidded to 21-3 with 14 kayoes—all three defeats on network television.

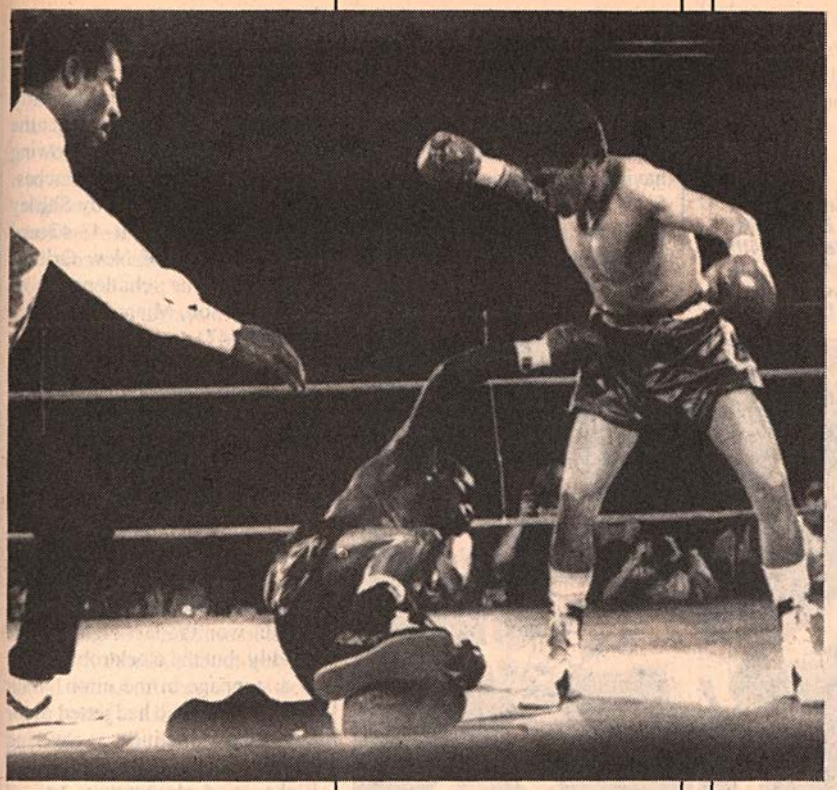
Chavez, 129¾, played it cozy in the opening three minutes of the scheduled 12-round title bout, permitting Mayweather, 130, to stick and move with his seven-inch reach advantage. The left jab was good enough to give the 24-year-old Mayweather the first round on the scorecards of all three judges—Venezuelan Dimas Hernandez, and Englishmen Mike Jacobs and Sid Nathan.

Mayweather even sneered menacingly at Chavez upon the round ending bell—a sneer that was totally ignored by the confident champion, who closed as a 2-1 favorite in Nevada's legal sports books. Mayweather did tag Chavez with a solid right in the first round, but the pride of trainer-manager Ramon Felix hardly blinked. The same reaction came early in the second round, when Roger landed two chopping rights.

The time had come for Chavez to prove, unequivocally, that he is truly one of the three top bombers, pound-for-pound, in the sport. He dropped Mayweather four times in a maze of unanswered leather, but referee Richard Steele ruled the challenger's first and third canvas flops were more slipdowns than knockdowns.

However, when Julio Cesar stepped in with a right-left, and then a final salvo of a right-left-right to the jaw, Steele called a halt at 2:30 of the second round, as a shell-shocked Mayweather groped in a fog, trying to pull himself upright.

"The first right Chavez hit Mayweather with hurt him, and he never recovered," Steele later said. "Chavez has power that we don't see. It was Mayweather's good shape, heart, and endurance that kept him in there. Mayweather kept talking to me, saying he was all right so I wouldn't stop the fight. The fight



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***Julio Cesar Chavez watches as Roger Mayweather heads for the canvas in the second round of their scheduled 12-rounder for Chavez's WBC super feather-weight title. The undefeated champion recorded the second defense of his crown, stopping Mayweather at 2:30 of the second.***

wasn't stopped on the three-knockdown rule, which wasn't in effect. I ended it when I looked into Mayweather's glazed eyes and saw there was no way he could continue."

Mayweather was still sticking effectively with his left when Chavez stunned him into a neutral corner with a lunging right. Mayweather was off balance upon impact, and Steele declared he had slipped to the canvas. The champion made it official for the first time with a left and two thunderous rights. Chavez hurt him again with a left-right, and Mayweather tried to grab the Mexican around the waist while slipping to the deck.

Everything became academic when Chavez finally caught the reeling, retreating Mayweather with those five final bombs to the head.

Chavez, who has now chilled 39 of his last 40 opponents, had hardly broken a sweat at the finish. The champion was attired in a red sports shirt and dark slacks 20 minutes later for the post-fight media review.

"It wasn't as easy as it looked to the fans," the elated victor explained through an interpreter. "The first right hand Mayweather threw stunned me a little, but I was more surprised than hurt. I'm glad it ended the way it did, but I thought the fight would be a lot tougher. I didn't think too much of Mayweather's jaw, and felt he would go down if I hit him with one good punch.

"My trainer (Ramon Felix) wanted me to take it slow in the first round and see what happened. I was waiting for Mayweather to throw the left, so I could throw my right over it. But Mayweather was fighting okay. The left was no surprise, but the right was. Mayweather hits hard with the right. His reach made no difference. I've fought a lot taller guys than (the 5'7½") Mayweather."

Chavez, who plans to be tutored in English in the coming weeks, was elated to let American fans see on TV why his countrymen were comparing him to such Mexican ring immortals as Ruben Olivares, Carlos Zarate, Jose Napoles, and the late Salvador Sanchez.

"I'm very happy to be on national TV because I need the exposure in the States," Chavez continued through his interpreter. "My trainer wanted to call off the fight 10 days earlier in Culiacan because he said I was dehydrated. I told him no, because I wanted to fight Mayweather.

"I wasn't satisfied with my training because I've had problems with the nerves in my ankles. They swell and it hurts when I run and train. I only trained a month for this fight, and I usually need two. That's why I boxed five hard rounds at Johnny Tocco's gym two days before the fight. The heat in Las Vegas was no problem. I want to fight again no later than September, but I have to take care of my ankles first."

Mayweather, who lost his WBA crown to Rocky Lockridge on a one-punch first-round knockout on February 26, 1984 in Beaumont, Texas, did not slip out the back door after losing for the first time in Las Vegas as a pro. But the transplanted Grand Rapids, Mich. native still appeared slightly dazed 40 minutes after the bout.

"You never feel too well losing for the second time for the title," said the unmarked victim. "You have to give the champion (Chavez) his due. . . . He fought like a champion. I have no excuses, but I was feeling tired going into this fight, just like (in) the Lockridge fight. I don't know if I overtrained, but when I hit Chavez with those rights, I didn't feel the power in my arm. Chavez is not a great puncher, but he's a good puncher. My strategy was to box and set up the right hand. I don't know if walking every day in this heat hurt me, but I couldn't move. I was tired from the first round on.

"I could see the guy when I went down, even when I was groggy, but I don't remember hitting him more than once—clean. I don't know if I'll move right up to lightweight now. . . . I'll leave that up to (manager) Billy Baxter. Whatever he wants to do is all right by me. I still have the USBA title, and I'm only 24, so I have a little more time. But you're only as good as your last fight."

Veteran Juan Antonio Lopez, 129, Culiacan, Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Dana Roston, also 129, Mayweather's stablemate, in the 10-round semi-windup. Roston went to school against the veteran, and should profit from the experience.

Lopez was fully extended by the 23-year-old Roston. The fighters rocked each other in the ninth and tenth rounds, but the Mexican won those rounds and the eighth frame on all scorecards to wrap up the verdict. Lopez, who suffered two kayo defeats by Wilfredo Gomez in bids for the WBC super bantamweight title, is reportedly now 83-17 with 65 kayoes. Roston is 13-2-1.

Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista, 236, bulled his way to a split verdict over James Dixon, 182½, Chicago, 10. Evangelista is now 54-8-4 with 17 kayoes. Dixon is allegedly 30-19-4 with 14 knockouts.

Rufus (Hurricane) Hadley, 213, Detroit, TKO'd Rick Montez, 213, Phoenix, when the latter could not answer the bell for the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Tony Davis, 139½, Las Vegas, won a majority decision over Ubaldo Castillo, 140½, Phoenix, four.

Ruben Posada, 147, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Michael Nevius, 144½, Las Vegas, four.

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JACK WELSH

## PAUL-BLAKE
### *IBF Lightweight Title*

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—SHORTLY after Jimmy Paul did a big summer number on rugged Robin Blake, manager-trainer Emanuel Steward made an accurate assessment in likening the International Boxing Federation lightweight champion to a monarch of another generation—James Carter.

Carter retired in 1960—the year Paul was born in High Point, N.C. The former also was raised in the Carolinas, having been

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

born on December 15, 1923 in Aiken, S.C., a locale better known, nationally, as a winter training site for thoroughbreds.

Steward's comparison of Paul with Carter was not based on geography, however, but on style. Both are, or were, cool, calculating and destructive. Carter, who won 81 of 120 pro bouts from 1941-1960, also had a penchant the Kronk mastermind from Detroit does not want Paul to emulate. Jimmy had manager Willie Ketchum constantly frustrated because of a reputation for "loaning" the title out—even though the tendency enabled Carter to become the division's first three-time world champion.

Steward wants more consistence in the 25-year-old Paul's soaring career, but he did use some old films from Carter's in-and-out reign to illustrate some of the strategy he had planned for Paul against the tenacious style of the 25-year-old Blake, now fighting out of Fort Worth, Texas.

Paul obviously took heed, as he showed 3,500 impressed spectators a strong touch of the consummate ringman by ending his first IBF title defense with a TKO over Blake at 2:41 of the 14th round at the Tropicana Hotel-Casino's erstwhile Tennis Pavilion. Paul received $125,000, with Blake's check amounting to $60,000.

In a co-promotion with Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc., the Trop was reviving world class competition for the first time in a decade, and the overall action in its well appointed venue was equal to the 107-degree temperature outside.

"Jimmy has a lot of natural moves that remind you of Carter," Steward reflected. "Carter had a great jab and so does Paul. Carter was methodically cool. Jimmy's the same way. My guy works better at a slower pace, and if an opponent wants to work faster, Paul's jab will change his mind. We proved that against Blake, who never stopped trying to pull it out."

Paul raised his credentials to 23-1 with 19 kayoes. Blake was stopped for the first time in his four-year career, and, before the anticipated ending, the skilled champion did some heavy cannonading in the ninth and 12th rounds, introducing Robin to the canvas for the first time ever.

Despite being a southpaw and having two inches in height at 5'11", Blake was never a serious problem for Paul, who worked everything off a punishing, rapier-like jab.

Blake's record dipped to 27-3 with 18 kayoes, but manager Steve Gorman gave no indication whether there was any thought of retirement for the former national amateur star. "Robin fought his heart out," said Gorman, "and was just beaten by a better fighter on this day."

Basically, Paul dictated the tempo from the opening bell, and was never ruffled when Blake tried to apply pressure with sporadic flurries, many of which were picked off by the champion. A few others fell short of the target.

Paul, who won the IBF 135-pound title on April 6 with a going-away 15-round decision over Harry Arroyo in Atlantic City, did not spend much energy in keeping most of the action in mid-ring, operating like he was on a turntable as Blake constantly circled to elude the champion's vaunted right—a TNT shot that had the previously unbeaten Arroyo down three times.

Blake took Paul's heaviest artillery unflinchingly in the early going, and apparently caught the eyes of two judges by throwing more, if inaccurate punches. After five rounds, Dalby Shirley of Las Vegas had it 48-47 and Lucien Joubert of New Orleans 49-46 for the challenger. Al Walinsky of Miami went for Paul, 49-47.

It was destined to be Blake's last hurrah, since Paul's radar jab and long overhand rights took a big toll and Robin never won another round. Coming out for the 14th, Shirley scored it 127-119, Joubert 126-121, and Walinsky 129-117—all for Paul. *The Ring* scorecard read 129-118, in favor of the champion.

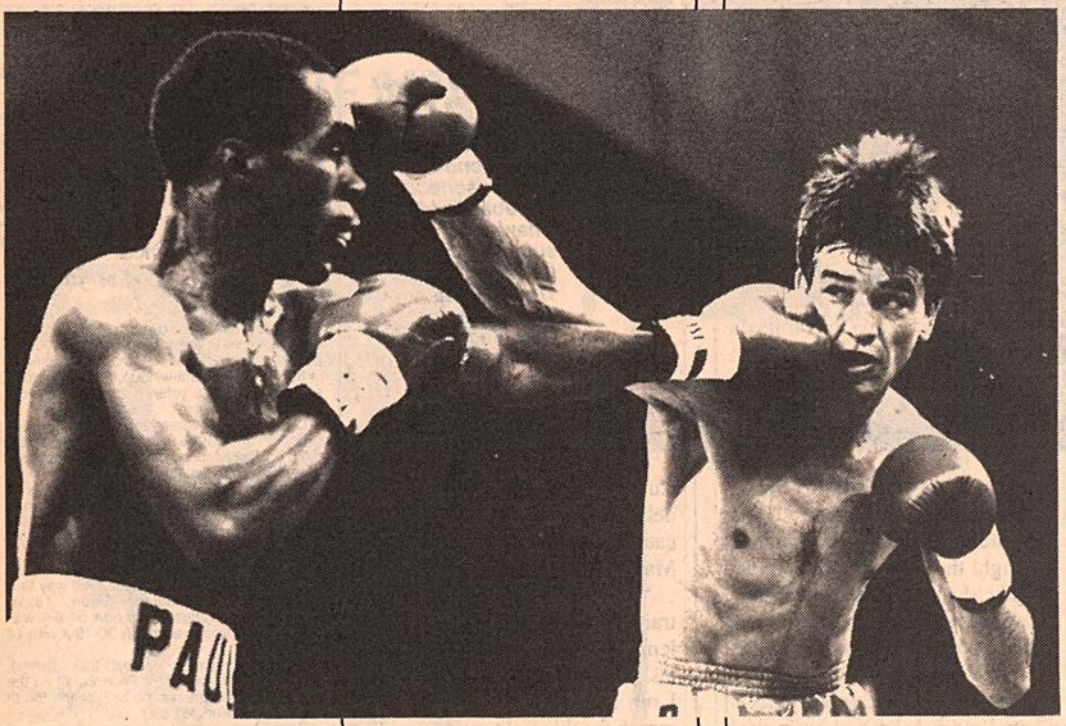
Paul won the last eight rounds handily, but the clock robbed him of a stoppage in the ninth. With 500 Texans, who had jetted in for the title matinee, cheering "Robin, Robin," the courageous Blake tried desperately to get back in the fight. But Paul's jab had broken his punching rhythms early, and it never returned.

As time ebbed in the ninth, Paul, 134¾, drove Blake, 134, into a neutral corner with a left-right-right-left. Clearly hurt, the challenger tried to cover up, but dropped to his right knee from a wicked salvo of left-right-left to the jaw. Robin was up before referee Joey Curtis' count reached "eight," and took another right before the bell.

Curtis checked Blake's corner before the 10th round, asking him his name and hometown. When Robin quickly gave the correct answers, he let the bout continue.

Paul rushed out in the 12th with a left that caught Blake off balance. The challenger wasn't seriously hurt, but when his gloves touched the canvas, it was ruled a knockdown.

Blake was now in there on sheer courage, his power blows reduced to pitty-pats. The champion wrapped it up by sending Blake into the ropes with two lefts to the head and then unleashed two mean combos of left-right-right-left. Blake, with his right eye swelling rapidly and a nick on his nose, reeled across the ring into Paul's corner. Curtis



***Jimmy Paul (left) spears challenger Robin Blake with a left jab on his way to a 14th round TKO in defense of his IBF lightweight title in Las Vegas.***

watched the action intently and, when Blake turned his back on Paul and took two more shots to the head, the referee intervened at 2:41 of the 14th round.

Paul, unmarked, did not gloat in triumph. "Blake is a great fighter," he said. "He has more power, but I knew I had more all-around ability to defend my title, and that's what I did." "Robin was always moving away from my right, and I should have worked more on that in training. Blake's a faster paced fighter and I'm slow paced. I don't like fighting southpaws, but, as champion, you have to fight 'em all."

"I gave it my best shot," said Blake. "I tried and I've never been in better shape. I wanted to land the left, but I couldn't get off. My timing was off. . . . I guess that was because of his jab. I wasn't thinking about being behind because I was trying to win one round at a time. Paul deserves all the credit. He is a true champion. What else can I say? I don't mind losing to a true champion. I guess it wasn't meant to be. We fought a good fight. I'm man enough to accept it, but it really hurts inside."

Freddie Roach, 135¼, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Joey Olivera, 135, Los Angeles, eight (cut from 10). Roach, who improved his credentials to 39-8 with 14 kayoes, had too much of everything for Olivera, who dipped to 13-7-1 with three knockouts.

Olympic heavyweight champion Henry Tillman, 200¾, Los Angeles, went the distance for the first time as a pro, winning a unanimous decision over veteran Leroy Caldwell, 203, Las Vegas, six. Tillman is now 5-0 with four knockouts. The 39-year-old Caldwell skidded to 21-26-4 with four kayoes.

Ricky Womack, 175¼, Detroit, rebounded from a first round knockdown to win a close six-round decision over "Lightning Bob" Smith, 174, Las Vegas. Womack is now 5-0 with two kayoes. Smith is 4-1-2 with three knockouts.

Joey Belinc, 139½, an Olympic alternate from Marysville, Wash., had too many guns for Otis Rogers, 140¾, Pomona, Calif., scoring a TKO at 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled six. Belinc is now 6-0. Rogers is 4-5.

Vinnie Rascon, 158, Las Vegas, used solid combinations to erase Rex Jimmerson, 158½, Las Vegas, in 1:55 of the first session in a slated six.
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JACK WELSH

## WITHERSPOON-SMITH
### *NABF Heavyweight Title*

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—PHILADELphia's "Terrible Tim" Witherspoon, 221½, catapulted himself into the driver's seat in the heavyweight contenders' sweepstakes, defending his North American Boxing Federation title with a near shutout 12-round victory over James (Bonecrusher) Smith, 228¾, Magnolia, N.C., in the semi-windup to the Pinklon Thomas-Mike Weaver WBC championship bout at the Riviera Hotel-Casino.

Witherspoon, 27, the former World Boxing Council title holder, thus extended his credentials to 21-2 with 14 kayoes.

Since losing his WBC laurels to Thomas here last August 31st, Witherspoon has come up with three sharp efforts. The first one of note came on April 29 in Buffalo, when he won the NABF crown by knocking out 261-pound James (Broadaxe) Broad inside two rounds. Prior to that, 'Spoon had an overlooked tune-up in Inglewood, Calif., stopping the unranked Mark Wills on March 25.

The only possible knock on Witherspoon's sharp performance was that he did not knock out the 32-year-old Smith, who has apparently had his last hurrah as a world class threat. The former All-Service champion has now lost three in a row (Holmes and Tubbs were his two previous conquerors), and his ledger is now 15-4 with 12 kayoes.

Smith, trained by former five-time world champion Emile Griffith, won only one round and was clearly hurt by Witherspoon's booming rounds in the second, fourth, ninth, and 10th. In the official scoring, Dick Cole of Dallas and John McSweeney of Minden, Texas gave Smith only round seven; Dave Moretti of Las Vegas awarded the eighth to the outclassed Bonecrusher. (All three judges turned in 119-109 cards.) *The Ring* scored the contest 119-111 for the NABF champ, calling round seven even and giving Smith the eighth.

One of the big factors in Witherspoon's resurgence is the return of Philadelphia trainer "Slim Jim" Robinson, who broke with Tim shortly after he won the then vacant WBC title with a 12-round verdict over Greg Page at the Las Vegas Convention Center on March 9, 1984.

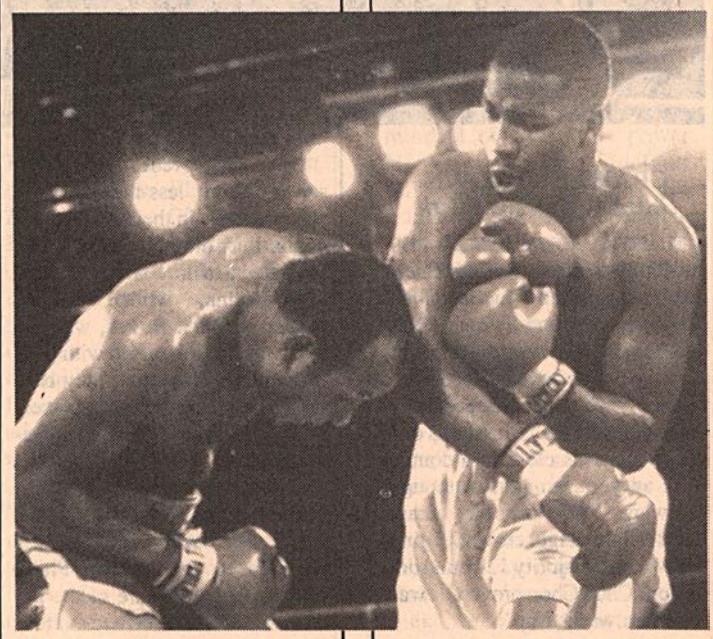
It was a lethargic Witherspoon, beset by a serious contractual dispute with King in his first defense, who blew the crown to a more determined Thomas.

"As soon as 'Slim' came back, he showed me a whole lot of mistakes (that I was making)," Witherspoon conceded. "When I fought Thomas, he said I should have stayed inside and pressured him instead of boxing. When 'Slim' saw my face in the ring before the fight, he knew something was wrong."

"A lot of people were saying, before the Thomas fight, 'the Kings this and the Kings that.' I was confused at the time. I was upset with the Kings because I didn't think the money was enough. I was, like, narrow-minded. About a week and a half before the fight, I guess I went a little crazy. Now I'm back. (I'm) not saying anything negative. I'm just trying to be Tim and get the title back."

Robinson, a world class middleweight in the '50s, who also guided Mike Rossman to the WBA light heavyweight title in 1978, liked what he saw in Witherspoon's handiwork.

"Timmy took charge immediately and never let 'Bonecrusher' in the fight," said Robinson. "There were several times when Smith appeared ready to go. Witherspoon buckled his legs with a solid right in the fourth round. I really thought Timmy was gonna knock 'em out, but he got a little tired in the later rounds. Of course, not as tired as Smith, who was breathing with his mouth open from the fourth round on."



***Tim Witherspoon (right) goes toe-to-toe with Bonecrusher Smith during their 12-rounder. "Terrible Tim" retained his NABF heavyweight belt with a unanimous decision.***

PHOTO BY CHRIS FARINA

## BERBICK-BEY
### *USBA Heavyweight Title*

UNPREDICTABLE TREVOR BERbick, 216¼, Miami, Fla., came up with a mild surprise when he trapped David Bey, 232, Philadelphia, on the ropes and unleashed a salvo of head blows to win the United States Boxing Association heavyweight title at 2:30 of the 11th round in their scheduled 12.

The 32-year-old Berbick also figures to upgrade his number seven ranking in the eyes of the WBC and WBA in the manner he handled the plodding, ineffectual Bey, 28, who was making his first start since being TKO'd by International Boxing Federa-

tion champion Larry Holmes on March 31st.

"Don King had promised me a title shot if I got past Bey," Berbick told the press. "Well, it took me a little while to warm up, but I think I did the job pretty good. When I saw that Bey was hurt in the 11th, I decided to move in and keep punching until the referee stopped it.

"Now I want a shot at Larry Holmes, Pinklon Thomas, or (WBA champion) Tony Tubbs. I've got a new contract now with King and I believe he'll keep his word. I dedicated this fight to my son, Trevor, Jr., who is recovering from injuring his right leg after a lawnmower accident in Florida."

Berbick, who failed to show for a 10-round bout with Randall (Tex) Cobb at the Riviera last November 9th, improved his record to 28-4-1 with 22 kayoes. Trevor's top achievements include a nine-round knockout over former WBC champion John Tate on June 20, 1980, becoming the first man to go 15 rounds with Larry Holmes on April 11, 1981, a 10-round decision over a faded Muhammad Ali on December 11, 1981, and a 10-round verdict over Greg Page on June 11, 1982—Page's first defeat.

In setting up the stoppage, Berbick backed up Bey with two left jabs after slowing him with a jarring right-left combination. Berbick then fired two solid left hooks and a straight right which drove Bey into the ropes and bloodied his nose. Another combo glazed the WBC's number eight challenger's eyes and left him defenseless with his hands down., Referee Mills Lane then jumped between the fighters to abbreviate the action.

Berbick's victory inside the distance eliminated potential controversy, since two judges, Jerry Roth and Tom Briscoe, had Bey leading through 10 rounds—97-93 and 98-93, respectively. Al Tremari carded 96-94 for Berbick, matching *The Ring* tally.

WBA junior middleweight champion Mike McCallum, 160, New York, stopped Marcos Martinez, 155, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., after two frames of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. The 28-year-old McCallum, tuning up for a late summer title defense against number seven ranked contender David Braxton of Detroit, ran his undefeated string to 23-0 with 20 kayoes.

McCallum's vicious left hook fractured Martinez's nose early in the second, and the champion laid on some heavy combos, prompting ringside physician Dr. Donald Romeo to order the bout stopped after the bell. Martinez's ledger is now 14-5.

Horace Shufford, 149, Las Vegas, the WBC's number one welterweight contender, improved his record to 25-2-1 (five kayoes) with an easy 10-round unanimous decision over Efren Olivo, 150¾, Harlington, Texas. Olivo is now 24-6 with 18 knockouts.

Louis Howard, 146½, Phoenix, Ariz., TKO'd Chuck Peralta, 148, Phoenix, at 1:58 of the third round in a scheduled six. Howard is now 6-0 with five kayoes.

Vincent Webb, 142, Phoenix, got a technical draw with Manuel Mamuscia, 142½, Honolulu, when the latter suffered a cut over the right eyebrown from an accidental butt.

Rufus (Hurricane) Hadley, 214½, Canton, Miss., TKO'd Hector Fernandez, 205, San Diego, Calif., at 1:50 of the sixth and final round.

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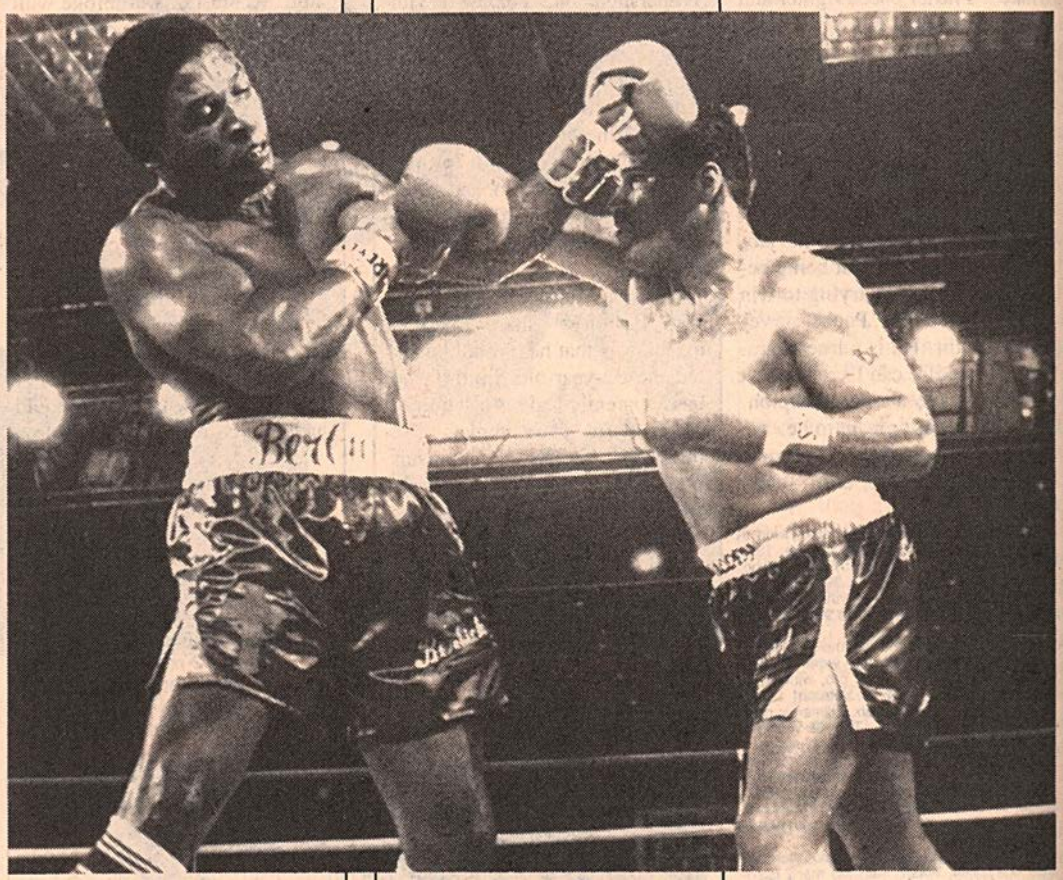
***Trevor Berbick (left) rejuvenated his career with a 11th round stoppage over David Bey, winning the USBA title in the process.***



## CRAWLEY-BROWN
### *USBA Lightweight Title*

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—THE all-Philly battle at Resorts International between Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown and Tyrone (Butterfly) Crawley was the kind of fight no one deserved to lose. And while boxing people generally consider a draw as a loss, this one came about as close to a double win as you can get. Although Crawley, 135, won the vacant USBA lightweight crown, edging Brown by a majority 12-round decision, Choo Choo proved he was far from washed-up.

Both men redeemed themselves from less-than-pleasing performances in their most recent bouts. Last time out, Brown had struggled to a draw with mediocre Jorge Nina, while Crawley feasted on Nick Parker, winning a disgraceful mismatch with little distinction. This time, they both turned in pleasing performances, probably because there is something about an all-Philadelphia showdown that brings out the best in the fighters.

Crawley, who hadn't really come up through the tough Philly circuit, seemed aware of the unwritten code, and seemed anxious to prove himself.

"The Philly gyms pack more action than some fights because guys are always trying to show off their stuff," Crawley said. "And Philadelphia fighters give it their all when it's for a showcase."

But although Philadelphia fighters are usually hungry, they are rarely stupid. Brown had a plan. He knew that Crawley fought best when backing up and countering. Choo Choo tried to make Tyrone force the fight. The result was an interesting reversal of form, with Butterfly on the attack and Brown circling away.

Brown's strategy almost worked. When he was able to lure Crawley within range, Charlie struck with combinations, cutting Tyrone's left eye and stunning him on a couple of occasions. But Crawley held his own in the exchanges and stayed the busier of the two throughout much of the bout. Brown, the former IBF lightweight champion, may have won several of the battles, but Crawley's steadier work rate won the war.

Judge Richard F. Murray scored it even, 115-115, but Carol Castellano and Frank Brunette voted 115-113 and 116-112, respectively, for Crawley. Tony Orlando was the referee.

"They thought I was shot, but I showed them I'm still there," said Brown, hoping that his strong showing would revitalize his sagging career.

Crawley, still in search of a shot at a world title, was pleased with his performance, but warned that he would not fight Livingstone Bramble in the same aggressive manner. If that one ever comes to pass, you can bet the rent money that the Butterfly will be in full flight.

John Meekins, 140¾, New York, got a rugged workout from Ozzie O'Neal, 140¾, Lorain, Ohio, but hit too hard and too often for his game opponent. Referee Randy Neumann stopped the fight at 0:58 of the seventh with O'Neal out on his feet. It had been scheduled for eight.

Willie de Wit, 212, Grande Prarie, Canada, was unimpressive, clubbing Sterling Benjamin, 221, Trinidad, for a unanimous decision over six. Tony Orlando, referee.

Rodney Moore, 137½, Phila., easily handled normally tough Kenny Willis, 134, Bristol, Conn., winning a unanimous six-round decision. Randy Neumann, referee.

Ricky West, 129, Lorain, outscrambled counterpuncher Shadell Brown, 134¼, New York, for a narrow split decision, four. Randy Neumann, referee.

Undercard judges—Lynne Carter, Frank Cairo, Ron Burns.

Timekeeper—Justine Bucanico.

Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

Announcer—Mike Buffer.

Attendance—800 (est.).

Top Rank, Inc.

(06-05-85)

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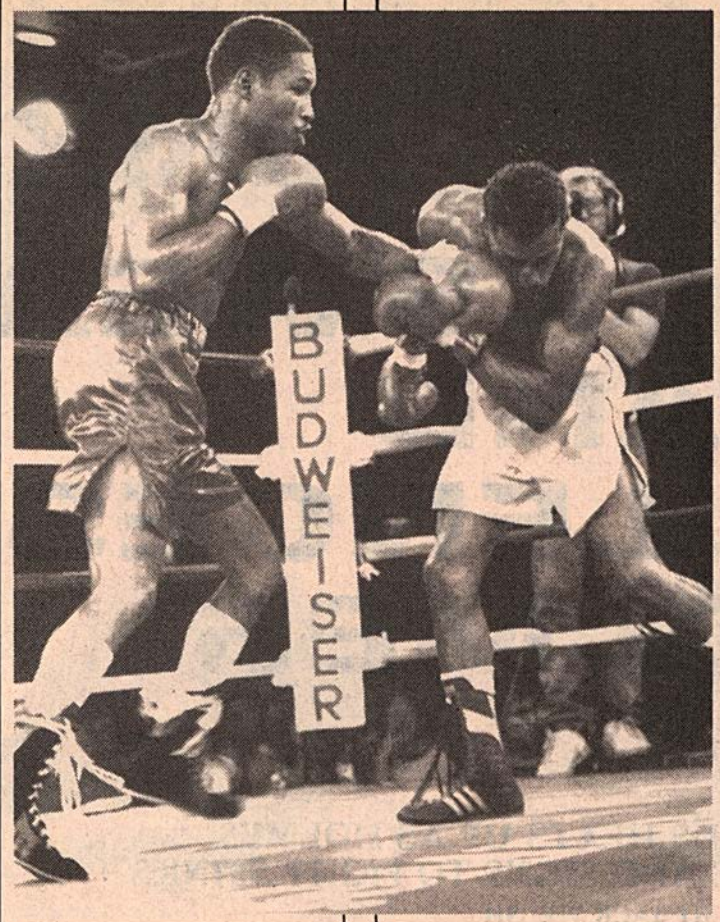
## MUHAMMAD-PARKEY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—IN the record books, it will go down as a 10-round unanimous decision win for Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 176, Brooklyn, over Rickey Parkey, 182, Mooristown, Tennessee. Judge Al DeVito and Tom Kaczmarek had it 6-3-1, while Richard F. Murry tabbed it 7-2-1.

When those cards were being announced, nearly everyone in the Tropicana Theatre felt secure that they were the correct scores. Parkey would get the nod and the career of a former WBA light heavyweight champion would most likely come to a close. Not so. The three blind mice




*Tyrone Crawley (left) tags Choo Choo Brown with a right during their 12-rounder for the vacant USBA lightweight championship in Atlantic City. Crawley rallied in the last round to win a hard-fought majority decision.*

PHOTO BY BILL BARON

are alive and well, judging fights in Atlantic City.

The crowd's reaction to the decision was one of disbelief. "Parkey got robbed," and "what the hell fight were the judges watching," were the most common (and printable) rebuttals to this rather strange verdict.

Mike Bruton of The Philadelphia *Inquirer* had it 6-4, Parkey. Elmer Smith of The Philadelphia *Daily News* saw it 6-3-1, Parkey. Bill Savage of *Black Atlantic City* had it 6-4 Parkey, as did Dave Bontempo of The Atlantic City *Press*. *The Ring* saw it 7-2-1, needless to say, for Rickey Parkey. Other than acting-commissioner Bob Lee, I found no one who would admit to seeing Eddie as the winner. Even Emanuel Steward, who is now training Muhammad, was quoted as saying, "We were very fortunate to get that decision."

As for the bout itself, Parkey came out quickly, not running, rather taking it right to Eddie M. In rounds two through four, both were far from impressive. Muhammad looked jaded, every bit the fading ex-champ, trying to hold on at age 33. He was moving forward, but at a snail's pace. Meanwhile, Parkey skirted the fringes, looking like a wounded sea bird, pecking at his prey, ever mindful of Mustafa's power. He was winning by default, but winning nonetheless. Eddie had his usual slick (read "cool") defense, and while he made Rickey miss often, he failed to make him pay the price. At least Parkey was throwing—or, more correctly, looping punches.

Early in round five, Eddie was shaken to his boots by a right hand. Backed to the ropes, he spent nearly the rest of the round absorbing the Parkey barrage. Mustafa caught many punches on the gloves, occasionally firing back. But Parkey kept up the pressure. Easily the best round of the bout. Surprisingly, judge Murry scored it even.

After five, it was five-zip, Parkey on *The Ring* card. Going back to his corner, Eddie raised both hands in a mock victory salute to himself that signaled his survival. Recharged by his gritty stand, Eddie took the sixth on all cards with a bristling early attack to the body.

The fight had finally begun, and Eddie was beginning to make Parkey pay for his flights of fancy. He continued to rake the body when the opportunity arose. However, Parkey did his own rallying to make each round close.

Eddie is now 47-6-1 with 36 kayoes. Parkey fell to 15-4 with 10 knockouts. If the fight had been a little more entertaining, a rematch would probably be forthcoming. As it was, nobody is all that anxious to foot the bill for an encore.

Lupe Aquino, 155, Santa Paula, California, ran right through Lloyd Taylor, 151¼, Palmer Park, Maryland, stopping him at 2:45 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Taylor was dropped three times, and while there is no mandatory three-knockdown rule in New Jersey, referee Steve Smoger stopped the bout as he was administrating the third count.

Walter Houston, 151¾, New York, and Billy Barnes, 152¼, Bethlehem, Pa., boxed a four-round draw. It was a majority call, with Houston getting the lone (2-1-1) ballot; the other two being 2-2. No knockdowns; the referee was Smoger. Houston is now 0-0-2 and Barnes is 1-0-1.

Southpaw Tracy Spann, 136, Plainfield, New Jersey (now 7-0, 5 KO's) had an easy time of it against oldie, but no goodie, Leo Lopez, 137¾, the Bronx. The scheduled six was over at 0:24 of round two. Lopez had no legs and no business being in that ring. He was dropped once, just before the one-sided "no contest" was ended. The referee was Smoger.

In a spirited six, Art Bayliss (sometimes spelled with just one "S" at the end), 169¼, Reading, Pa., won a majority decision over Dino Guzzi, 179¾, Rockwood, Mich. Scores were 4-2, 4-1-1, and 3-3. *The Ring* saw it 4-2 for Guzzi. The referee was Perez.

In a scheduled six round walk-out bout, undefeated (now 7-0, two kayoes) Mike Goudeau, 142¼, Philadelphia, kayoed George Leach, 141¼, Washington, D.C. in 1:31 of the first round. A vicious combination dropped Leach and the bout was stopped in mid-count. The referee was Smoger.

Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.

Promoters—Elbaum & Menas/Main Events (taped for future showing by USA cable TV.)

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JACK OBERMAYER

# PINKLON WHACKS WEAVER AND CHALLENGES HOLMES

## WAR OF WORDS HEATS UP AS HOLMES IGNORES THOMAS AND SIGNS TO FIGHT SPINKS

BY JACK WELSH

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—LARRY HOLMES HAD the best 14 hours in Las Vegas within memory on a Saturday in June. The big guy was off an on a jet to pick up $500,000, and he didn't even have time for his favorite relaxation—blackjack.

The mission into the desert wasn't quite as exhilarating as such six-figures might infer, since there was another young heavyweight named Pinklon Thomas, who had come to town with a work order to defend the World Boxing Council crown at the Riviera Hotel-Casino. That's the mantle once worn most admirably by the 35-year old Holmes—until he doffed it after a heavy contract dispute with promoter Don King in December, 1983. Larry then gave some overnight credibility to the International Boxing Federation by becoming its designated champion.

Holmes was back at his palatial home in Easton, Pa., in time for a Father's Day celebration, but there had to be a twinge of resentment toward the 27-year old Thomas, who, though spectacular in chilling rugged Mike Weaver in eight rounds, seems intent on trying to vocally embarrass the IBF titleholder into a showdown—a development not likely in the twilight of Holmes' brilliant career.

Anyway, now the time has come for Holmes to repack his bags and jet back into the Valley of the Dollars. Larry is a cinch to be less petulant, considering he will add $3.5 million to that front money he collected from King for inking a pact to defend against undefeated world lightheavyweight champion Michael Spinks in Las Vegas.

Holmes wants six weeks for preparation in this familiar cactus country, and Thomas won't be around as a verbal irritation unless he shows up on fight night, a historic inning which King, along with co-promoter Butch Lewis, has dubbed "A September to Remember."

It is indeed appropriate considering Holmes will be going for his 49th straight victory to equal the never-matched all-time heavyweight championship record established by Rocky Marciano (1947-56).

It seems a wee bit ironic that Holmes returned to the aegis of the flamboyant King, who had masterminded most of his 20 title defenses, only hours before the nomadic Thomas (Pontiac, Michigan, Seattle, Washington, and now Wyncote, Pennsylvania) proved far more than a one-dimensional unbeaten fighter in his first WBC defense. However, this powerful

*"I'm going to throw some cheese at Larry Holmes because Holmes is not a man, he's a mouse. . . . I want Holmes for one reason —to prove he's a fraud . . . not the real champion. I think I've proven I'm the only real heavyweight champion of the world."*

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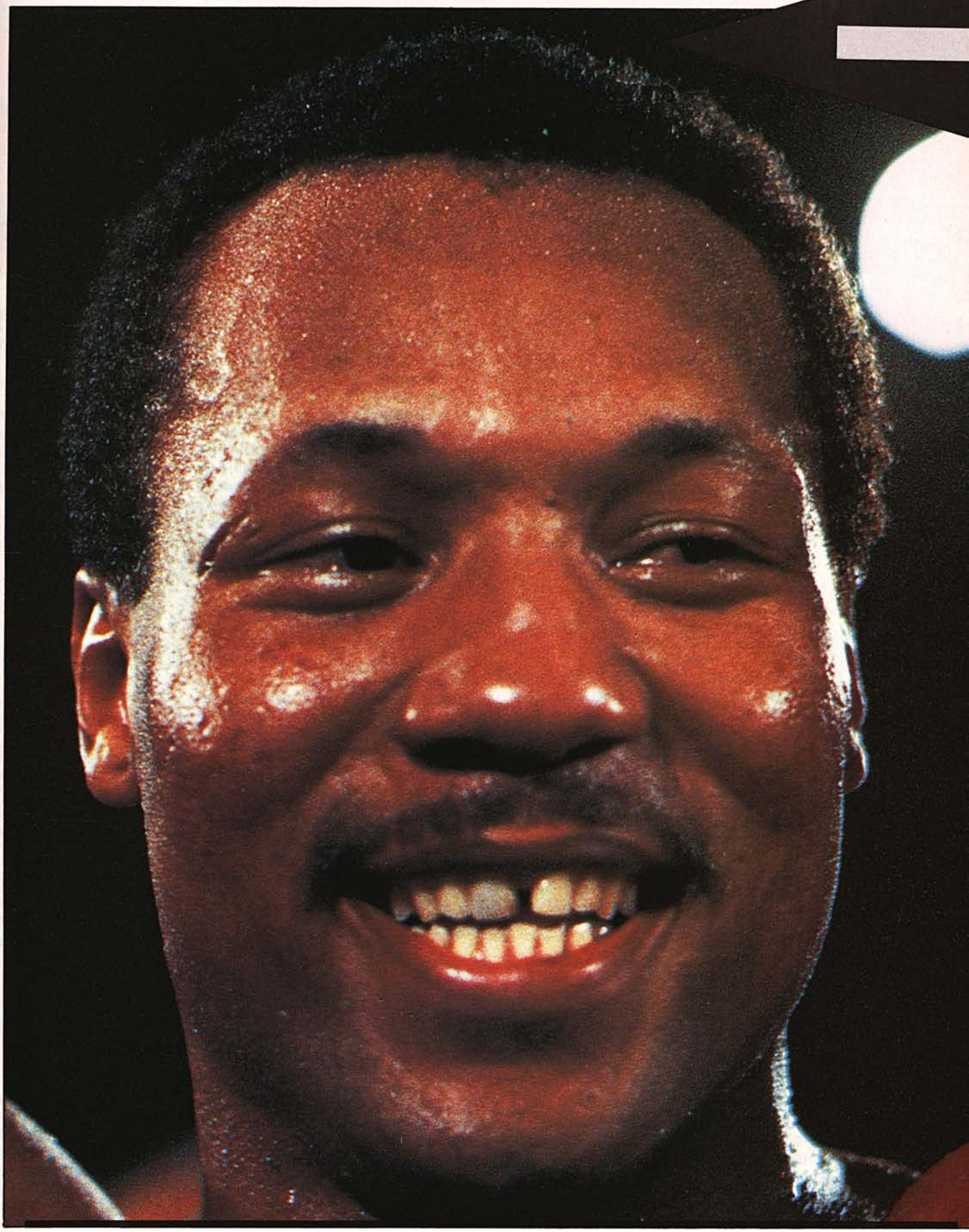

# The RING

### HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**LARRY HOLMES** ☆ ..... Easton, Pa.

1. **Pinklon Thomas**** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Tony Tubbs*** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
5. **Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
6. **Mike Weaver** ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
7. **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
8. **Carl Williams** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Canada
10. **David Bey** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Broad 12. Tony Tucker 13. Gerry Cooney 14. James Smith 15. Frank Bruno 16. Eddie Gregg 17. Marvis Frazier 18. Jeff Sims 19. Mitchell Green.

### CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**ALFONSO RATLIFF**** ..... Chicago, Ill.

1. **Carlos (Sugar) De Leon** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Piet Crous*** ..... South Africa
3. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad**..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
5. **Lee Roy Murphy** ☆ ..... Chicago, Ill.
6. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** ..... Camden, N.J.
7. **Bashiru Ali** ..... Oakland, Calif.
8. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
9. **Anthony Davis** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10. **Rickey Parkey** ..... Atlantic City, N.J.

11. Henry Hearns 12. Boone Pultz 13. Bernard Benton 14. Chisanda Mutti 15. David Pearce.

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MICHAEL SPINKS*** ** ☆ ..... St. Louis, Mo.

1. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Prince Mama Mohammad**..... Ghana
3. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4. **Willie Edwards**..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Jean-Marie Emebe**..... Cameroon
6. **Fulgencio Obelmejias** ..... Venezuela
7. **Jim MacDonald**..... Fort Worth, Texas
8. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
9. **Grover Robinson** ..... Fremont, Calif.
10. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.

11. Dennis Andries 12. David Sears 13. Tim Broady 14. Alex Blanchard 15. Lotte Mwale.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MARVIN HAGLER* ** ☆** ..... Brockton, Mass.

1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
5. **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
6. **Tony Sibson** ..... England
7. **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Doug DeWitt** ..... Yonkers, New York
9. **Curtis Parker**..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Herol Graham** ..... England

11.Chong-Pal Park 12. Murray Sutherland 13. John Collins 14. Mark Holmes. 15. Alex Ramos.

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**THOMAS HEARNS**** ..... Detroit, Mich.

1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Carlos Santos** ☆ ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. **Mark Medal**..... Jersey City, N.J.
6. **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. **Buster Drayton**..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Julian Jackson** ..... Stockton, Calif.
9. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada

11. Fred Hutchings 12. Darnell Knox 13. Francisco DeJesus 14. James Green 15. Earl Hargrove 16. Robert Hines 17. Willie Harris.

### WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Donald Curry*** ☆ ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
2. **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
4. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Colin Jones**..... Wales
7. **Jerome Kinney** ..... Highland Park, Mich.
8. **Carlos Trujillo**..... Panama
9. **Sylvester Mittee** ..... England
10. **Lloyd Honeyghan** ..... England

11. Johnny Bumphus 12. Herman Montes 13. Pedro Vilella 14. Marlon Starling 15. Horace Shufford 16. Jorge Vaca.

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Aaron Pryor** ☆ ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Bill Costello**** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. **Gene Hatcher*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4. **Ronnie Shields**..... Port Arthur, Texas
5. **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
6. **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
7. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
8. **Saoul Mamby** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonz...** ..... Mexico

11. Gary Hinton 12. Ubald...acco 13. Clinton McKenzie 14. Hugo Hernandez 15. ...Famous

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**Ratings as of July 10, 1985**

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*** WBA AND WBC CHAMPION
☆ IBF CHAMPION

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Livingstone Bramble*** ..... Passaic, N.J.
2. **Jose Luis Ramirez**** ..... Mexico
3. **Jimmy Paul** ☆ ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5. **Harry Arroyo** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Hector Camacho** ..... New York, N.Y.
8. **Ray Mancini** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
9. **Howard Davis, Jr.**..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
10. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.

11. Terrence Alli 12. Cornelius Boza-Edwards 13. Robin Blake 14. Bobby Chacon 15. Rene Weller.

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**WILFREDO GOMEZ*** ..... Puerto Rico

1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
3. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
4. **Rafael Solis**..... Puerto Rico
5. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
6. **Roger Mayweather** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
7. **Edgar Castro**..... Venezuela
8. **Pat Cowdell** ..... England
9. **Kenny Baysmore**..... Washington, D.C.
10. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Indiana

11. Jean Marc Renard 12. Dennis Cruz 13. Refugio Rojas 14. Ruben Castillo 15. Tae-Jin Moon 16. Lester Ellis 17. Kamel Bou Ali.

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**BARRY MCGUIGAN*** ..... Ireland

1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Eusebio Pedroza** ..... Panama
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8. **Min-Keun Oh** ☆ ..... Korea
9. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
10. **Adrian Arreola** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Savage, 12. Jorge Lujan, 13. Sergio Zambrano, 14. Irving Mitchell, 15. Tyrone Jackson, 16. Lupe Suarez, 17. Juan Antonio Lopez, 18. Tommy Cordova, 19. Dana Roston, 20. Juvenal Ordenes.

### JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**TITLE VACANT**

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Juan (Kid) Meza**** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
4. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
6. **Raul Gonzalez** ..... Venezuela
7. **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas
9. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Leo Cruz** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Bernardo Checa, 12. Felipe Orozco, 13. Seung-Hoon Lee, 14. Jesus Flores, 15. Tommy Valoy, 16. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 17. Ramon Dominguez, 18. Ji-Won Kim.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**RICHARD SANDOVAL*** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

1. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
2. **Daniel Zaragoza**** ..... Mexico
3. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
4. **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5. **Freddy Jackson** ..... Houston, Texas
6. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
7. **Jerome Coffee** ..... Nashville, Tenn.
8. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
9. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
10. **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic

11. Harold Petty, 12. Cardenio Ulloa, 13. Jorge Ramirez, 14. Chan-Young Park, 15. Kazuo Katsuma, 16. Jose Chacon, 17. Benito Badilla, 18. Gustavo Ballas.

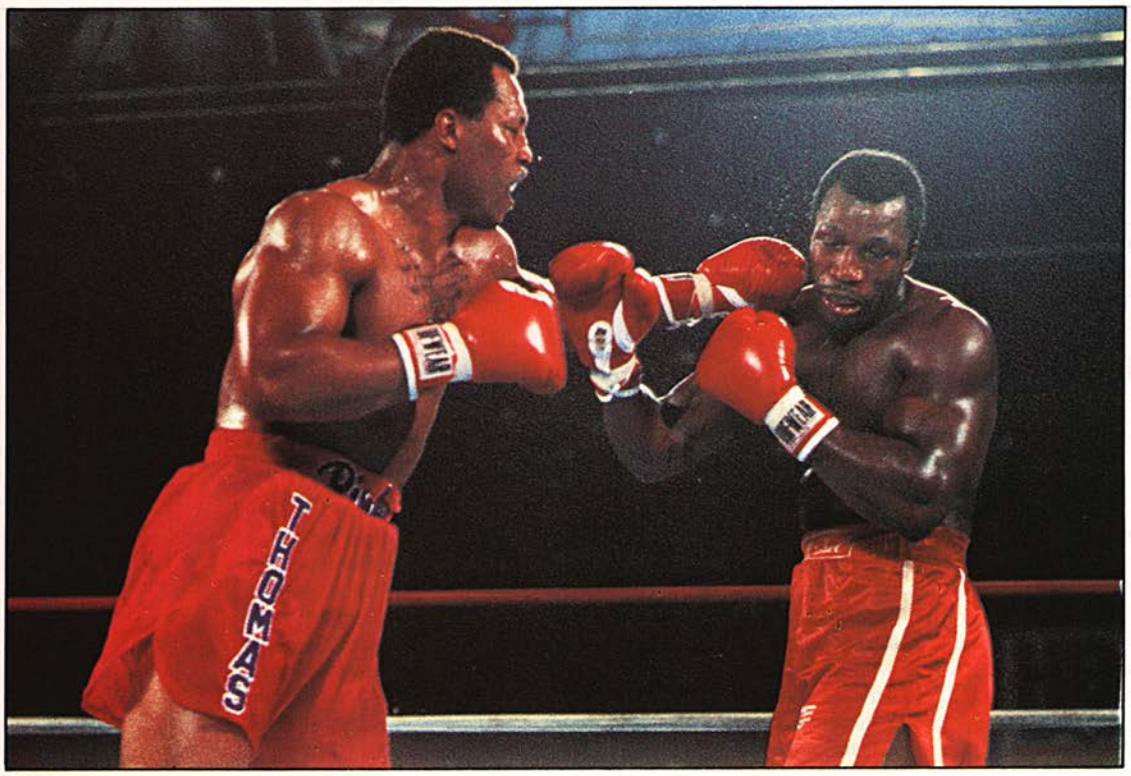
### FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

**WORLD CHAMPION**

**SOT CHITALADA**** ..... Thailand

1. **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3. **Sugar Baby Rojas** ..... Miami, Fla.
4. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
5. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
7. **Alonzo Gonzalez** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. **Candido Tellez** ..... Mexico
9. **Francisco Quiroz** ..... Dominican Republic
10. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines

11. Jose DeJesus, 12. Freddie Castillo, 13. Antoine Montero, 14. Jorge Cano, 15. Soon-Chun Kwon, 16. German Torres, 17. Prudencio Cardona, 18. Francisco Montiel, 19. Reinaldo Becerra, 20. Isidro Perez.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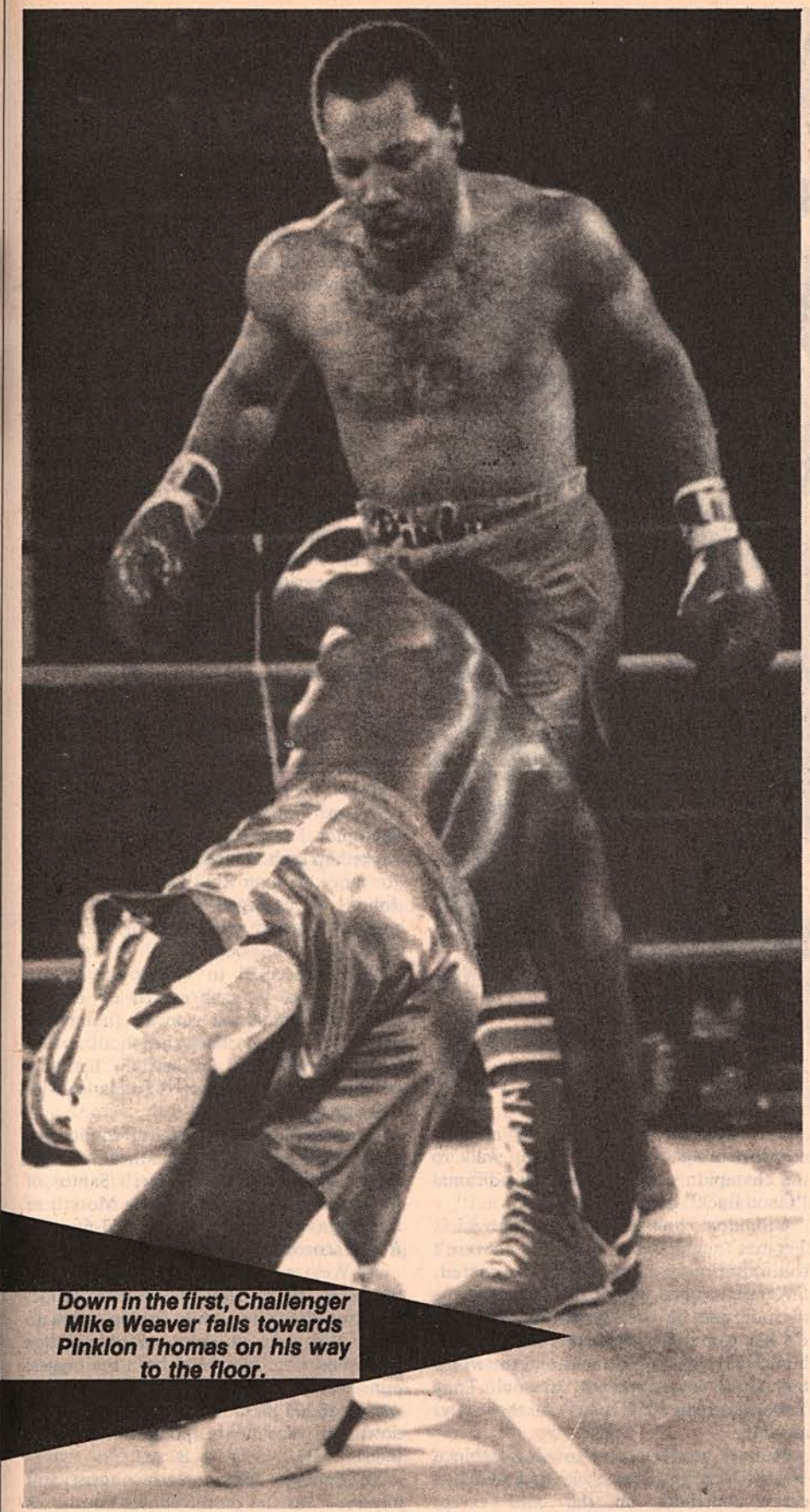


**Down in the first, Challenger Mike Weaver falls towards Pinkion Thomas on his way to the floor.**

athlete, called "Pink" by trainer Angelo Dundee and his closest friends, thoroughly berated Holmes during the sweltering week (110 degrees) leading up to his hard-pressed destruction of the 32-year old Weaver, who was making his fourth try at reclaiming part of the title.

Thomas, now 26-0-1, 21 KOs, in a magnificent comeback from teen-age drug addition, clearly struck a nerve with the retort: "I'm going to throw some cheese at Larry Holmes because Holmes is not a man, he's a mouse. I'm the true champion, Larry Holmes is just a contender."

When this communique landed in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, Holmes was equally sarcastic in rebuttal:

"If Thomas is gonna buy some cheese, he'd better throw it to his family . . . if he can afford it."

Arriving at ringside in the Riviera's SuperStar Center, Holmes was resplendent in a grey business suit, dark tie, and large diamond rings on both hands. It was an omnipotent duo when Muhammad Ali and Holmes stepped into the center of the ring, making a thunderous ovation from 3,500 spectators sound like 35,000.

However, "The Greatest" seemed to disappear immediately after Thomas delivered a picture-book right to end a scheduled 12-round fight that was virtually even until 1:42 of the eight round.

Weaver, the former World Boxing Association ruler from Diamond Bar, California, proved ready for a severe challenge when he cut Thomas inside the lower lip early in the first round with solid left hooks and double jabs. Yet before the round was over, admirers of this Adonis-like ex-Marine felt their hearts skip a beat when Thomas, a pound lighter at 220½, uncorked a five-punch salvo which left Weaver spinning to the canvas at center ring.

No way Weaver was going to let this outing become a rerun of December 10, 1983 at Caesars Palace, when he lost his WBA title to Michael Dokes when referee Joey Curtis became the center of controversy with a stoppage at 1:03 of the first round. Mike not only easily beat referee Carlos Padilla's eight-count, but employed true Leatherneck spirit in roaring back with jabs, hooks, uppercuts and sporadic rights to sweep rounds three, four, five, and six.

Weaver complained to Padilla that he was thumbed in the left eye in the second round and pawed at the swelling underneath before evening things up legally in the fourth round when he sliced the same eye of Thomas by double jabbing seven times. And there were also some jolting rights to keep the champion honest.

There was no way Holmes was going to be gracious to Thomas in his ultimate hard-

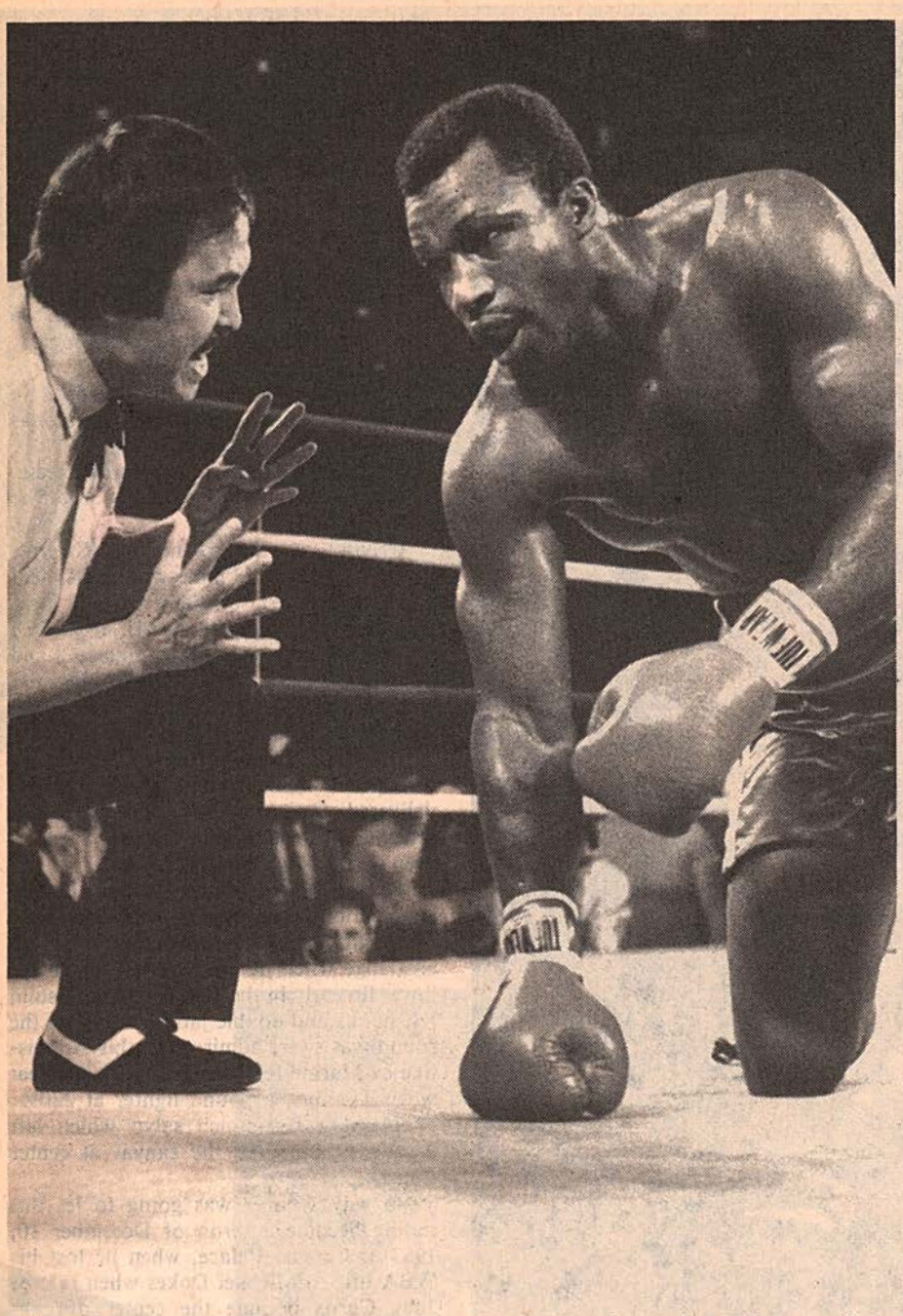


Photo by Chris Farina

Referee Carlos Padilla counts out Mike Weaver after Pinklon Thomas flattened him with a picture-perfect right to the jaw.

earned triumph, starting with no walk to the champion's corner for the traditional "Good Luck" handshake.

"Pinklon Thomas used his thumb a lot. Thomas fought a good fight, but he wasn't that impressive," Holmes sneered. "Weaver's jab is one of the slowest in the division and he was outjabbing Thomas. I'd like to put Carl Williams in there with him. He'd clean up Thomas and the whole bunch that fought tonight. So would Tony Tubbs (current WBA ruler). All those guys are shot."

Holmes was referring to his combined WBC-IBF reigns, when he had defeated every contender on the card except Thomas—Weaver, Tim Witherspoon, James "Bonecrusher" Smith, Trevor Berbick, and David Bey.

"What do I think of Thomas? I'll tell you he's nothing but a (bleep . . . bleep). He's dying to fight me, but he has no chance. There's only one heavyweight champion and you're looking at him."

Holmes can let the aspersions fall where they may, but there's no way he could minimize Pinklon's gutty victory in the first defense of the crown he won from Witherspoon in this same venue on a 12-round decision last August 31.

It was an authoritative jab that had allowed Thomas to take the crown from a lethargic Witherspoon. Against a highly-respected rival like Weaver, Pinklon unveiled a murderous right and a worthy chin.

Thomas had blinked repeatedly from Weaver's double pops, particularly in the fifth round when Mike was able to back him up. With 30 seconds left in the round, Weaver excitedly worked Thomas into a neutral corner with a double jab and a right-left-right combination to the head. Weaver had just about erased that 10-8 first round scoring, and starting in the sixth, the fickled assembly roared, "Wee-ver, Wee-ver." The ex-WBA champ quickly took command with two left-right combinations, but in a wild exchange, both fighters' eye wounds reopened.

It was now a battle of wills as the champion and his challenger, having sucked up each other's bombs, roared back for more. Trainer Ray Barnes and cutman Johnny Tocco urged Weaver "to keep the pressure on and throw more right hands, especially to the body."

Weaver seemed to visibly tire in the seventh, and Thomas geared up his offense. The champion won his first round since the second when he shook off a Weaver right, and backed up his man before knocking Weaver off balance with two jabs and a right.

Coming out for the eighth round, the rivals were in a near-dead heat. Judges Dick Cole of Dallas and Herb Santos of Reno had it 66-66, while Dave Moretti of Las Vegas tabbed it Thomas, 67-66. *The Ring*'s scorecard read 67-67.

As Weaver prepared to double jab and throw a right, Thomas stepped inside, blocking the latter while faking a jab to draw Weaver's attention. Pinklon then fashioned what may have been the biggest punch of his career—an overhand right which landed high on the temple, skidding down the face to the point of Weaver's jaw.

Suddenly, Weaver's magnificent physique was flat on the canvas with arms

outstretched. Padilla moved in to pick up the count. Mike, looking blankly in space and shaking his head, rose to a half-sitting position with his head lolling on his shoulders. As Padilla's count reached "nine," Weaver tottered to a catcher's position and again rolled backward to the canvas. The bell was 39 seconds away, but that was now academic.

Weaver had said during the countdown to the first bell that he "couldn't wait for this fight to come." Though his record dipped to 27-11-1, 18 KOs, and retirement may be beckoning, the long removed Texas-born fighter remained a class act.

"Don't nobody ever tell me Thomas don't have no right hand no more," said Weaver, speaking from inside a towel wrapped around his head. "He just caught me with a good shot. I never saw it coming. I don't know whether I'm going to say goodbye, or hang in there.

"My strategy was to wait for Thomas to tire, maybe around the eighth round . . . that's when I usually get my second wind, but tonight I'm still looking for it. I'm never warmed up in the first round, but he never really hurt me with that knockdown. Larry Holmes' jab is faster, but Pinklon Thomas' is harder. I don't think I've ever been hit that hard before. Thomas is the best of all heavyweight champions."

Thomas declared he felt he "had a slight edge going into the eighth."

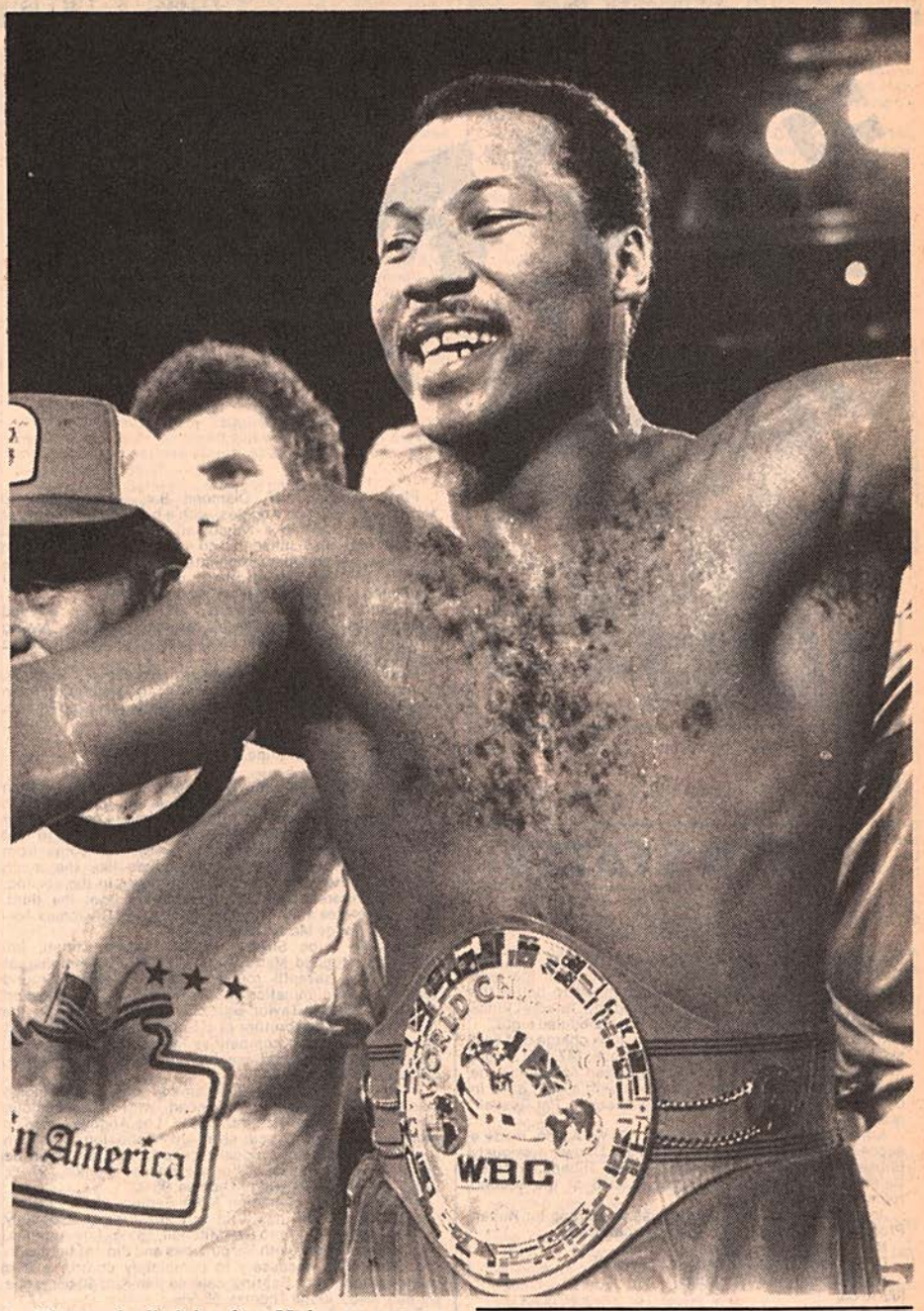
"Weaver is very strong and he puts his punches together very well. It made no sense for me to stay in there and punch with him," the WBC ruler said. "I never underestimated Weaver's jab. I never was hurt, but Weaver's a reputable fighter. I think he still has a few fights left in him if he doesn't retire."

Dundee, now working on his 10th world champion, correctly predicted "the public will see a different Thomas than the one that beat Witherspoon."

"I always said my guy can bang. Now you know he can do it with both hands," said the Miami-based conditioner. "This kid has so much talent, he hasn't even tapped his potential. Pinklon's going to become so much better. And remember, he's not bad now."

Angelo was like a college sophomore in lauding his charge:

"Pinklon's saying, 'I'm the best heavyweight out there . . . I'm going to lick everybody out there.' It's something new about him. That's what's juicing me and I love it. Thomas has a message for the youth of America because he's already been there and back. He's been through drugs, managerial problems. He's broken both hands. And nobody has ever licked him."

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Thomas' disdain for Holmes appears genuine, perhaps triggered by the thought the IBF champion "will never fight me."

"Larry's promoting himself. He's not a legitimate promoter. He's a fighter," Pinklon frowned. "He's got to quit making excuses to keep from fighting. I still want Larry Holmes, but he'll duck me to the end. Before and after I beat Witherspoon, I admitted Holmes was the true champion. I just wanted my chance at him. I've changed my mind about that now. I want Holmes for one reason—to prove he's a fraud . . . not the real champion. I think I've proven I'm the only real heavyweight champion of the world." □

WBC heavyweight boss Pinklon Thomas enjoys his moment of victory after knocking out Mike Weaver for the first successful defense of his belt.

# RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

**Edited By Herbert G. Goldman**

## NORTH AMERICA

## UNITED STATES

### CALIFORNIA

►**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Mike Randle, 175, San Diego, pounded Jessie Island, 175, Tijuana, in the first, floored him in the second, and continued to batter the defiant Island until he was rescued by referee Vince Delgado at 0:44 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Rigo Lopez, 147, Harbison Canyon, took charge of a wild swinging fight by flooring Reinaldo Rogue, 147, San Diego, in the final seconds of the fifth, and then separating the comebacking Rogue from his senses with a right hand in 0:44 of the sixth round in a scheduled seven. Pat Russell, referee.

Amateur champion Zack Padilla, 134½, Azusa, made a successful professional debut with a K.O. over previously unbeaten Francisco Gutierrez, 132, Tijuana, referee Delgado counting out Gutierrez in 1:48 of the second round in a scheduled five.

Jorge Rivera, 137, San Diego, was too strong for Ruben Proa, 134½, San Diego, not losing a round, six.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.

Fred Lewis, ring announcer.

(05-16-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Juan Estrada, 119, Tijuana, unanimously outpointed (100-92, 100-92, 100-92) survivor Ron Cisneros, 118, Denver, 10. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Unbeaten Ernie Landeros, 138, Los Angeles, was behind on points when he knocked out Peter Cunningham, 138, Los Angeles, in 2:30 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Cunningham was down twice. Jordan, referee.

Ralph Gutierrez, 123, Los Angeles, and German Guillen, 125, Los Angeles, met for the third time in three weeks and this time Guillen salvaged a four-round draw. Gutierrez again deserved to win and has nothing left to prove. Scoring: referee Jordan, 38-38; judge Gwen Farrell, 39-38, Gutierrez; judge Dick Young, 39-37, Guillen.

Glenn Kennedy, 174, Los Angeles, kayoed Robert Williams, 173, Los Angeles, in 2:18 of the first round in a scheduled four. Jordan, referee.

Lucilo Nolasco, 123¼, Los Angeles, picked up a nice win when he flattened tough Geraro Espitia, in 1:45 of the fourth and final round. Jordan, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(05-16-85)

►**RIVERSIDE—Club Metro**—Roberto Juarez, 143, Pomona, TKO'd Daniel Sanchez, 143½, Mexicali, who was retired by ringside physician Dr. Michael Deluca at the end of the sixth round of a very average 10 because of a cut eye. Lou Moret, referee.

Floyd Weaver, 147, Diamond Bar, kayoed Roberto Hernandez, 150, Los Angeles, with a body punch in 2:10 of the fourth round in a scheduled five. (Troy and Lloyd Weaver were also scheduled to make their pro debuts on the show, but suitable opponents could not be found. The triplets are younger brothers of former heavyweight champion Mike Weaver.) Lou Filippo, referee.

Debuting Francisco Segura, 130, Coachella, stopped Greg Ortega, 133, West Covina, referee Robert Byrd saving Ortega from further punishment at 1:41 of the fourth round in a scheduled five.

Randy Davis, 198, Los Angeles, knocked out inept Jr. Coronado, 221, Bakersfield, in 2:42 of the second round in a scheduled five. Coronado was down twice. Lou Filippo, referee.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer.

(05-18-85)

►**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Defending champion Adrian Arreola, 124¾, Los Angeles, advanced in the Forum featherweight tournament with a unanimous decision over Ernie Johnson, 126, San Diego, in an outstanding 10 that drew a standing ovation and a shower of coins from ringsiders. World rated Arreola looked like the much superior fighter when he floored Johnson in the second, but Ernie roared back to trade rounds from the third. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 97-96; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 96-94; judge Marty Denkin, 98-91.

Unbeaten Lupe Suarez, 124¾, Corpus Christi, impressively stopped Myron Taylor, 123¾, Philadelphia, at 0:43 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10-round featherweight elimination bout. Southpaw Suarez knocked down the shorter Taylor with only seconds to go in the first, but the older brother of U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist Meldrick Taylor was competitive in the second and third. Scoring through six: referee Jen-Kin, 60-54; judge Denkin, 59-54; judge Thomas, 59-54.

In another quarter final tournament fight, Jorge (Rocky) Garcia, 126, Placentia, advanced with a unanimous decision over Jorge Ramirez, 125½, Los Angeles, 10. The more experienced Garcia sized up "Schoolboy" for five rounds. Then Garcia gradually pulled away, although he could never dominate. Scoring: referee Denkin, 97-95; judge Jen-Kin, 97-94; judge Thomas, 98-92.

Former Forum champion Mike Sedillo, 184½, Chino, proved that he still has a lot to learn after unanimously outscoring two-bout pro Ray Mitchell, 181½, Los Angeles, six. Sedillo slapped with his punches and did not fight with the confidence necessary to completely control a less talented opponent. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 60-54; judge Denkin, 59-55; judge Thomas, 58-56.

First-timer Tyrone Jones, 149¾, Los Angeles, was a surprisingly easy winner over tough Adam Orozco, 148, Chino, four, all three officially scoring 40-36. Jen-Kin, referee.

Frank Martinez, 160, Los Angeles, flattened Gabriel Morris, 160, Los Angeles, with a left swing in 1:48 of the third round in a scheduled four. Denkin, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physicians.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

(05-20-85)

►**RESEDA—Country Club**—U.S. Olympic alternate Michael Nunn, 160½, Sherman Oaks, easily disposed of very disappointing I. W. Johnson, 155½, Los Angeles, who was counted out by referee Chuck Hassett at 2:57 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Jon Russell, 140, Sherman Oaks, had to work hard to unanimously outpoint tough Martin Lujan, 139, Santa Ana, five. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 48-47; judge Hassett, 49-46; judge Dick Young, 49-46.

Erik Goosen, 137, North Hollywood, did well to unanimously outpoint Albert Montenegro, 137, La Puente, four, all three officials scoring 40-36. Byrd, referee.

Jorge Rodriguez, 121, Los Angeles, was a majority winner over Manny Olivas, 119, Canoga Park, in a thrilling four. Olivas fought with a lot of heart, losing only because he was floored in the first and third. Scoring: referee Byrd, 40-38; judge Young, 38-38; judge Hassett, 40-36.

In another exciting four, first timer Fidel Briseno, 121, Los Angeles, outslugged very game Nabor Saucedo, 120, Los Angeles, not losing a round. Saucedo, who had Olympian Robert Shannon on the deck in his only other professional fight, was down in the second.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.

Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

(05-21-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Joe Ruelas, 127, Placentia, lost the first round, then floored and stopped former Orient featherweight champion Divino Inocian, 127, Davao, Philippines, at 0:59 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Evelio Perez, 130¼, Anaheim, remained unbeaten when he won a disputed majority decision over Martin Escobar, 131, Marina Del Rey, six. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 58-56; judge Jordan, 58-56; judge Pat Connolly, 57-57.

Lucilo Nolasco, 119, Los Angeles, was a one point five-round majority winner over busy Ralph Gutierrez, 121½, Los Angeles.

Frank Martinez, 160¾, Los Angeles, kayoed Roberto Cendejas, 158, Redondo Beach, in 1:49 of the second round in a one-sided scheduled four. Connolly, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Jack Brami, ring announcer.

(05-23-85)

►**IRVINE—Marriot Hotel**—Freddie Roach, 136½, Las Vegas, was only slightly ahead on points when he TKO'd Martin Morado, 136, San Diego, at 2:06 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. A right reopened a cut over Morado's left eye, forcing referee Dr. James Jen-Kin to stop the fight.

Gabe Lira, 129, Whittier, had to feel fortunate to draw with slippery Joe Perez, 129, Los Angeles, eight. The harder hitting Lira made the mistake of going for a one punch knockout. Scoring: referee Chuck Hassett, 77-75, Perez; judge Jen-Kin, 76-76; judge Tony Gutiron, 76-76.

Touted Avery Rawls, 205, Compton, struggled to a majority verdict over Sylvester Lee, 206, Los Angeles, six. Scoring: referee Jen-Kin, 58-58; judges Guitron and Hassett, both 58-56 Rawls.

Ian Mattis, 176, Seattle, knocked out overmatched Lewis Hightower, 177, Anaheim, in 2:46 of the first round in a scheduled six. Hassett, referee.

Strong newcomer Jorge Rivera, 136, San Diego, floored and halted Sal Lujan, 136¾, Huntington Beach, in 1:13 of the second round in a scheduled four. Guitron, referee.

Debuting Ernie Nava, 131, Hawaiian Gardens, showed promise in stopping Joe Cruz, 130, Los Angeles, in 0:57 of the fourth and final round. Cruz was down twice in the first and took a beating until he was decked again in the fourth. Guitron, referee.

John Armijo, 157, Westminster, started slowly but came on to drop Quincy Hinnant, 156, Los Angeles, in the third and fourth, referee Hassett intervening after the second knockdown. Both were first time pros.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(05-23-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Third rated Rene Arredondo, 139¾, Apatzingan, Mexico, stopped second ranked Hugo Hernandez, 140, Bariloche, Argentina, in 1:51 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12-round WBC junior welterweight title elimination bout. The fight was even when Arredondo (35-1) stunned Hernandez (36-1-2) with a right. Arredondo, now fighting out of Los Angeles, chased Hernandez to the ropes and rained in blows until referee Marty Denkin rescued the previously unbeaten Argentinian. Arredondo is now in line to fight WBC champion Billy Costello.

Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez, 140, Mexico City, kayoed Darrell Cottrell, 140, Ogden, with a right to the jaw in 2:52 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Brave Cottrell took a pounding, but always tried to fight back. The victory improved Gonzalez' record to 33-3-1. Lou Moret, referee.

Richardo Varela, 127, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Juan Paredes, 126¾, Mexico City, in a competitive 10. Varela lacks power, but it seems like he always does just well enough to win. Scoring: referee Lou Filippon, 97-94; judge Larry Rozadilla, 96-94; judge Moret, 97-94.

Alvin Brown, 117, Los Angeles, sensationally knocked out prospect Mike Moreno, 119¾, San Diego, in 2:04 of the second round in their scheduled 10. Moreno, decked briefly in the first, seemed to be paralyzed by an exploding right to the neck in the second. He ended up suspended, face down, on the bottom rope. Denkin, referee.

Amateur hot shot Ricky Romero, 113, Torrance, remained unbeaten with a K.O. over Pedro Lara, 114, Highland, in 1:15 of the second round in a scheduled five. Lara was down in both rounds. Moret, referee.

Also making it two for two as a pro was Mexican Olympian Octavio Robles, 143, Mexico City, who flattened debuting Miguel Miranda, 142, Los Angeles, early in the fourth round of a scheduled five. Filippo, referee.

Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physician.

Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.

(05-23-85)

►**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Felix Gonzales, 135, West Covina, knocked out veteran James Sowell, 136, Los Angeles, with a short left hook in 2:42 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Sowell struggled up at seven, but, after a long look, referee Chuck Hassett waved it over. Puncher

Gonzales improved his record to 10-3 with nine knockouts.

Ernesto Landeros, 137, Eagle Rock, TKO'd experienced Andrew Felix, 137, Culiacan, Mexico, who was halted with a cut left eye at 2:06 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Landeros (8-0) was clearly ahead on points. Pat Connolly, referee.

Terry Claybon, 130, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed very game Billy Wiles, 127, Los Angeles, six. Claybon (4-0) did everything but stop the smaller man. Scoring: referee Connolly, 59-54; judge Hassett, 60-53; judge Larry Rozadilla, 59-54.

Javier Lara, 117, Sepulveda, worked hard to stop debuting Manuel Reyna, 120, Los Angeles, in 2:29 of the third round in a scheduled four. Reyna was floored and decided not to continue. Hassett, referee.

Keith Winsor, 145, San Diego, unanimously outscored Howard Scott, 144, Inglewood, four. Connolly, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Jack Brami, ring announcer.

(05-30-85)

►**CARSON—Community Center**—Kevin Payne, 148½, Carson, knocked Mike Landrum, 147, Inglewood, down and out with a right uppercut in 0:53 of the second round in a scheduled six. Marty Denkin, referee.

Ricky Romero, 113, Torrance, was a six-round split decision winner over Alex Silva, 113, East Los Angeles, in a bruising battle of California's most promising flyweights. Silva started slowly, but fought with increasing accuracy and skill, especially in the final two rounds. A draw would have been fair. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 59-56, Romero; judge Vince Delgado, 59-55, Silva; judge Denkin, 58-56, Romero.

Carlos Manzano, 118½, Wilmington, drew with Ralph Gutierrez, 121½, Los Angeles, over six hard rounds. The fight was even through five, although puncher Manzano outslugged boxer Gutierrez in an excellent final round. Scoring: referee Denkin, 59-55, Manzano; judge Byrd, 58-58; judge Delgado, 58-58. Both Silva-Romero and Gutierrez-Manzano drew well-deserved showers of coins.

Eddie Johnson, 150½, Paso Robles, kayoed Aurelio Velasquez, 150, Los Angeles, who was floored twice and counted out by referee Delgado in 1:30 of the first round in a scheduled five. Delgado, referee.

Jorge Rodriguez, 123½, Los Angeles, TKO'd Rigoberto Camacho, 123½, Santa Ana, in 1:18 of the second round in a scheduled four. Camacho was cut over both eyes and referee Delgado was quick to intervene.

Unbeaten Mike Basinger, 132½, Paso Robles, stopped winless Ruben Guerrero, 131½, Los Angeles, at 1:10 of the third round in a scheduled four, referee Delgado again making a quick but timely intervention. The outclassed Guerrero had been down in the second and was soaking up punishment.

Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Ernie Snow, timekeeper.

Danny Valdivia, ring announcer.

(06-05-85)

►**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Rigo Lopez, 145½, Harbison Canyon, scored his fifth win in five professional fights when he came from behind to halt talented Rollin Williams, 145, Phoenix, in 0:52 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight. The previously unbeaten, 18-year-old Williams was ahead (58-57, 59-58, 59-56) on all cards, but Lopez kept pursuing until he floored Williams with a right. Pat Russell, referee.

Tim Williams, 160, Camp Pendleton, won a battle of unbeaten middleweight prospects by stopping Drafton Bunch, 155½, San Diego, at 1:06 of the sixth and final round. Bunch (2-1) did well to stay away for most of four rounds, but, once the hard hitting Williams (5-0) began to score, an early ending always seemed likely. A left hand knockdown and following heavy rights forced referee Marty Denkin's intervention.

7'2" Tom Payne, 268½, Napa, had all the physical advantages, but Randy Davis, 200, Los Angeles, proved it only takes one punch to knock a man out. Payne had chased the 5'11" Davis all over the ring from the opening bell and had floored him twice when a single leaping right stunningly flattened the giant ex-basketball star in 2:29 of the first round in a scheduled six. Denkin, referee.

Andre Smith, 186, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Chris Sims, 186, San Diego, six. The unbeaten Smith was not impressive. Scoring: referee Russell, 59-56; judge Denkin, 59-56; judge Hal Rickards, 60-54.

Debuting amateur star Jerry Grant, 142, Dallas, stopped badly outclassed last minute substitute Rodney Capps, 142, Redlands, at 2:42 of the second round in a scheduled four. Capps fell down twice, once without a count, before his corner threw in the towel. Russell, referee.

Dr. William Lundeen, ringside physician.

Mike Millsap, timekeeper.

Fred Lewis, ring announcer.

(06-06-85)

►**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Refugio Rojas, 126, Los Angeles, won an upset 10-round split decision over defending champion Adrian Arreola, 126, Los Angeles, to advance to the finals of the Forum featherweight tournament. Arreola (32-8) fought bravely to keep the fight even through six, but Rojas (38-10) won going away. Scoring: referee Marty Denkin, 97-93, Rojas; judge Frank Rustich, 96-94, Rojas; judge Lou Moret, 95-94, Arreola.

Derrick Kelly, 147, Los Angeles, knocked out tough Roberto Mendez, 147, Philadelphia, in 0:40 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10-round Forum welterweight tournament elimination bout. Kelly (13-0-1) dominated, flooring Mendez (11-9-1) with straight rights in the first and seventh, and winning every round in between. Rustich, referee.

Alphonso Long, 147, Compton, TKO'd Mike Hutchinson, 146½, Tuscaloosa, at 1:12 of the ninth round in another scheduled 10-round welterweight elimination fight, referee Chuck Hassett intervening when Hutchinson was cut over the left eye. Hutchinson (19-2) could not cope with the speed of Long (16-2); he had lost every round.

Gilbert Davila, 120, Pomona, won a surprisingly easy six-round unanimous decision over Jorge Rodriguez, 121¼, Los Angeles, not losing a round. Moret, referee.

John Watkins, 126½, Los Angeles, won by technical decision over slow starting but previously unbeaten Alex Madrid, 126, San Diego, at the end of the second round in a scheduled six. Watkins was ahead on points (20-18, 20-18, 19-19) when he was cut by an unintentional Madrid head butt. Moret, referee.

Adam Orozco, 147½, Chino, was too aggressive for debuting Juan Carrera, 147, Los Angeles, and stopped him after just 1:41 of the first round in a scheduled four. Moret, referee.

Tyrone Jones, 148, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Marcos Anthony Esquivel, 149, El Segundo, four. Esquivel won the first round, but was outboxed in the next three. Scoring: referee Moret, 40-36; judge Denkin, 39-37; judge Rustich, 39-37.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.

Cliff Gosz, timekeeper.

Jimmy Lennon, ring announcer.

(06-10-85)

**DEAN LOHUIS**

## FLORIDA

►**MIAMI—Tamiami Fairgrounds Auditorium**—Miguel (Happy) Lora, 118, Colombia, TKO'd Ramon Nery, also 118, Dominican Republic, at 2:34 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Lora is now 21-0 with 11 kayoes.

Juvenal Ordenes, 128, Chile, halted Julio Abreu, also 128, Dominican Republic, at 1:40 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. Ordenes is now 33-1.

Jimmy Navarro, 119, Miami, TKO'd Dan Daniels, also 119, Miami, at 2:25 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Jose Luis Correa, 148, Miami, kayoed Marcos Martinez, 154, Miami, in 2:05 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Gilberto Colon, 163, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Sonny Jones, 162, Miami, six.

Jose Ordenez, 144, Miami, TKO'd Vernon Lee, 149, Miami, at 2:10 of the first session in a scheduled four.

Referee—Billy Yohan (all bouts).

Promoter—Jorge Godoy.

Matchmaker—Tuto Zabala.

Attendance—1,200 (estimated).

(05-10-85)

►**FT. LAUDERDALE—Galt Ocean Mile Hotel**—Leslie Stewart, 174½, retained his Florida State light heavyweight title with a TKO over Chris Wells, also 174½, Orlando, at 2:41 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12. Referee Eddie Eckert stopped the contest with Wells taking a bad beating on the ropes.

Former European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista, 235, Spain, won on a disqualification over Tony Velasco, 242, Tampa, at 2:48 of round four in a scheduled 10. Referee Bernie Soto ruled Velasco out for butting and low blows.

Jim Berry, 212, Miami, TKO'd Tim Miller, 212, Louisville, at 1:58 of the second.

Uriah Grant, 187, Miami, TKO'd Keith Allen, 195, Louisville, at 1:28 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Tyrone Downes, 127, Trinidad, kayoed Florentino Garcia, 126, Homestead, in 2:15 of the second in their scheduled six.

Cabo Promotions.

Matchmaker—Lou Barksy.

Attendance—500.

(05-10-85)

►**MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall**—Keith Adams, 159, Ft. Lauderdale, TKO'd Jeff Nelson, 160¾, Miami, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Nelson was unable to answer the bell for round seven due to a shoulder injury. Allen has a beautiful double jab and right cross combination. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Vinnie Mays, 159½, Miami, TKO'd Kenny Whetstone, 158½, Homestead, Fla., at 2:25 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Referee Bernie Soto stepped in after Whetstone had been floored three times.

Bobby Van, 137, Sunrise, TKO'd Julio Vasquez, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 0:43 of round four in a slated six. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Billy Yohans refereed the three four-rounders: Gary Peters, 200, Hollywood, stopped Randy Borden, 207½, Homestead, at 2:08 of the first round. Rogelio Bolanos, 179, Miami, TKO'd Charlie Hicks, 178, Ft. Lauderdale, at 1:47 of the second. Wade Willis, 142½, Pompano Beach, outscored David Fowler, 140¼, Miami, in a real rousing contest.

Promoter—Roosevelt Ivory.

Matchmaker—Lou Barksy.

Attendance—500 (estimated).

(05-17-85)

►**MIAMI—Tamiami Fairgrounds Auditorium**—Sugar Baby Rojas, 116, Colombia, TKO'd Lee Cargle, 116½, Miami, at 2:47 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Rojas is now 24-0—and looking for a title shot.

Angel Levi Mayor, 128½, Maracaibo, Venezuela, won a unanimous decision over Orlando Perez, also 128½, San Juan, P.R., 10. Bernie Soto, referee.

Jimmy Navarro, 119, Miami, kayoed Melvin Miller, 121, Miami, in 2:13 of the third round in a scheduled six. A solid left hook busted Miller's jaw. Billy Yohan, referee. This was Navarro's sixth straight knockout.

Scarface Rojas, 143, Miami, TKO'd Billy Cunningham, 141¾, Miami, with three knockdowns in the fourth round of their scheduled six. Billy Yohan, referee. Rojas is now 10-0.

Jose Luis Correa, 147, Miami, and Johnny Lockett, 148¾, Miami, drew, four. Bernie Soto, referee.

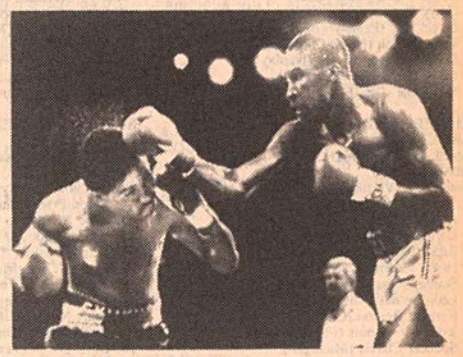
Jose Ordenes, 142, Chile, kayoed Bobby Van, 138, South Africa, in 1:47 of the first round in their scheduled four. A right hand to the jaw put Van out cold. It was his first defeat.

Promoters—Felix Zabala, George Goday.

Matchmaker—Felix Zabala.

Attendance—1,100.

(05-24-85)



*WBC welterweight king Milton McCrory tags Luis Santana with a right to the head on his way to a third-round TKO victory in a non-title bout.*

►**MIAMI—James L. Knight Center**—WBC welterweight champion Milton McCrory, 152, TKO'd Luis Santana, Miami, in a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. McCrory came out quickly in the first round, scoring a flash knockdown with a left hook just before the bell. He was taking Luis apart in the second, and Santana couldn't make it out for the third round due to a dislocated shoulder. Eddie Eckert, referee.

Tommy Cordova, 128, Albuquerque, N.M., won a split decision over Alberto Parra, 129, Venezuela, 10. Cordova was on the deck in round five. Bill Conners, referee.

Steve Laramore, 138, Bahamas, TKO'd Cornelius Drane, 140½, Miami, at 1:27 of the sixth and final round. Bernie Soto, referee.

Olympic gold medalist Steve McCrory, 118½, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Kerry Allen, 121, six. Bernie Soto, referee.

Landy Quintero, 143, Miami, TKO'd Ramiro Reyes, 143, Miami, in a scheduled four. Billy Yohan, referee.

Top Rank, Inc. NBC-TV.

Matchmaker—Frank Ortero.

Attendance—1,200 (estimated).

(05-26-85)

►**MIAMI—Tamiami Fairgrounds Auditorium**—Miguel (Happy) Tora, 118, Colombia, TKO'd Diego Avila, also 118, Mexico, at 2:10 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Tora is now 22-0 with 12 kayoes.

Raul Hernandez, 150, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Greg Young, 152, Orlando, Fla., six.

Scarface Rojas, 140, Miami, kayoed Joe Alexander, 142, Bahamas, in 1:48 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Sammy Johnson, 139, Orlando, won a unanimous decision over Keith Jackson, 141, Miami, four.

Desmond Fingers, 182, Miami, knocked out Derrick Harris, 184, Miami, in 2:11 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Tony Ortiz, 135, Miami, kayoed Felix Sanchez, 136, Miami, in 2:39 of the first round in another scheduled four.

Promoter—Jorge Godoy.

Matchmakers—Tito Zabala, Enrique Encinosa.

Attendance—1,380.

(06-07-85)

**LOUIS ZIPKIN**

## NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel-Casino**—Whether it was school work or gym work, Troy Wortham always had to rely on public transportation to complete his assignments back home in Hartford, Conn.

The 21-year-old senior-to-be at the University of Hartford changed all that in his western debut at the Showboat Hotel-Casino.

Wortham earned far more than the ESPN welterweight crown when he scored a 12-round split decision over former champion Eric (The Prince) Martin of San Francisco.

Top Rank paid both fighters $5,000 as finalists in the cable network's tournament, but, for Troy, there were some extra goodies for extending his undefeated skein to 22 straight, including 12 knockouts.

# NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
# BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

**(As of June 26, 1985)**

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Trevor Berbick (Florida)
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Carl Williams (New York)
3. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
4. Mike Weaver (California)
5. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
6. Greg Page (Kentucky)
7. Eddie Gregg (New York)
8. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
9. James Broad (New Jersey)
10. Gerry Cooney (New York)
11. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
12. James Smith (North Carolina)
13. Jesse Ferguson (Pennsylvania)
14. Larry Alexander (New York)
15. Kip Kane (Ohio)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Bashiru Ali (California)
USBA Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
2. Anthony Davis (California)
3. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
4. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
5. Henry Hearns (California)
6. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
7. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
8. Bernard Benton (Ohio)
9. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
10. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
11. Alex DeLucia (Oregon)
12. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
13. Tim Thomas (California)
14. Dorcey Gamon (Florida)
15. Mark Lee (Nevada)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Willie Edwards (Pennsylvania)
USBA Champion
Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
1. J.B. Williamson (California)
2. Prince Mama Muhammad (California)
3. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
6. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
7. Jim MacDonald (Texas)
8. Grover Robinson (California)
9. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)
10. David Sears (New York)
11. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
12. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
13. Robert Folley (Arizona)
14. Keith Vining (Michigan)
15. Poncho Carter (Georgia)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
James Shuler (Pensylvania)
USBA Champion
Vacant
1. James Kinchen (California)
2. Don Lee (Indiana)
3. Doug DeWitt (New York)
4. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
5. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
6. John Collins (Illinois)
7. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
8. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
9. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
10. Mike Olajide (British Columbia)
11. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
12. Alex Hilton (Quebec)
13. Iran Barkley (New York)
14. Luis Rivera (New Jersey)
15. Carl Jones (California)

**SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
2. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
3. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
4. Troy Darrell (New York)
5. Gonzalo Montes (Mexico)
6. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
7. Davey Moore (New York)
8. Ricardo Bryant (Pennsylvania)
9. Mardo Roybal (California)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)
11. Thomas Smith (Texas)
12. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
13. Bobby McCorvey (Texas)
14. Don Shiver (Louisiana)
15. Lupe Aquino (California)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Pedro Villela (New York)
USBA Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. David Hilton (Quebec)
3. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
6. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
7. Donny Poole (Ontario)
8. Daryl Anthony (Missouri)
9. Troy Wortham (Connecticut)
10. Sanford Ricks (New Jersey)
11. Robert Rucker (New York)
12. Eric Martin (California)
13. Mike Picciotti (Pennsylvania)
14. Herman Montes (California)
15. Diomedes Colome (California)

**SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Ronnie Shields (Texas)
USBA Champion
Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
1. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
4. Mitchell Julien (California)
5. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
6. Darryl Fuller (Tennessee)
7. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
8. Andy Nance (California)
9. Pat Jefferson (Oregon)
10. Othal Dixon (Texas)
11. Saoul Mamby (New York)
12. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
13. Kel Robin (Florida)
14. Tony Baltazar (California)
15. Ford Jennings (Texas)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Hector Camacho (New York)
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
2. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
3. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
4. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
5. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
6. Cubanito Perez (California)
7. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
8. Robin Blake (Texas)
9. John Montes (California)
10. Remo DiCarlo (Ontario)
11. Roque Montoya (Mexican)
12. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
13. Chris Calvin (Tennessee)
14. Terrence Alli (New Jersey)
15. Manuel Hernandez (California)

**SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
USBA Champion
Roger Mayweather (Michigan)
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Frankie Baltazar (California)
3. Bobbie Chacon (California)
4. Dennis Cruz (New Jersey)
5. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
6. Ruben Castillo (California)
7. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
8. Raphe Sims (Texas)
9. Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
10. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
11. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
12. Rocky Alonso (Mexico)
13. Ron Gary (Arizona)
14. Alvaro Salazar (Texas)
15. Margarito Marquez (Texas)

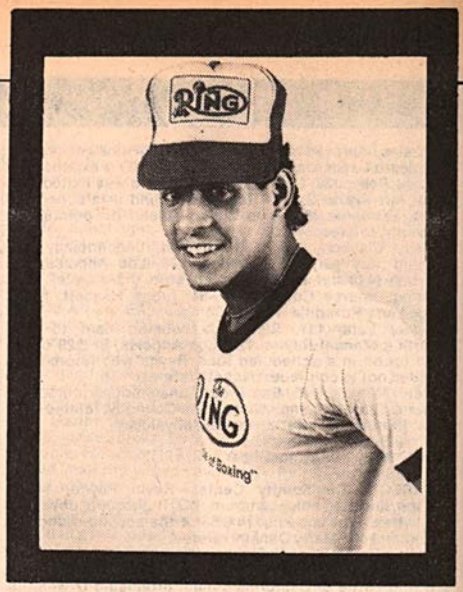
**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Jackie Beard (Michigan)
USBA Champion
Irving Mitchell (California)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
5. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
6. Dana Roston (Nevada)
7. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
8. Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
9. Adrian Arreola (California)
10. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
11. Roger Aravelo (Mexico)
12. Benji Marquez (Michigan)
13. Jorge (Rocky) Garcia (Calif.)
14. Tony Pep (British Columbia)
15. Paul DeVorce (New York)

**SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
USBA Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Martin Castro (Mexico)
3. Celso Munoz (Mexico)
4. Lupe Pintor (Mexico)
5. Juan Veloz (New York)
6. Andres Tena (New York)
7. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
8. Luis Espinosa (Mexico)
9. Sylvester Kennon (Missouri)
10. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
11. Carlos Flores (Texas)
12. Carlos Segura (Mexico)
13. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
14. Hector Cortez (New York)
15. Pascual Arranda (Texas)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
USBA Champion
Gaby Canizales (Texas)
1. Harold Petty (Texas)
2. Hurley Snead (Michigan)
3. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
4. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
5. Gilbert Roman (Mexico)
6. James Pipps (Texas)
7. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
8. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
9. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
10. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
11. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
14. James Manning (Oregon)
15. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
NABF Champion
Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)
USBA Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Mario Gonzalez (Mexico)
7. Ernesto (Che) Guevera (Mexico)
8. Enrique Aguilar (Mexico)
9. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
10. Eleonicio Mercedes (Dom. Rep.)
11. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
12. Ian Clyde (California)
13. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
14. Armando Cordova (Mexico)
15. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)

**LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS**
NABF Championship
Vacant
USBA Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. German Torres (Mexico)
3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
5. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
6. Babe Luis (Mexico)
7. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
8. Luis Hernandez (Mexico)
9. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
10. Ismael Benitez (Mexico)
11. Aaron Garcia (Mexico)
12. Javier Davila (Mexico)
13. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
14. Fili Gonzalez (Mexico)
15. Ricardo Sosa (Mexico)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Wortham, managed and trained by Hartford attorney Mac Buckley, received the keys to a 1985 Buick Starlight (minimum value $14,000), a $1,000 bonus, and a vacation to be determined later by Top Rank.

"The title is the important thing because it should help me in the ratings, but this new car couldn't have come at a better time," the unmarked collegian explained. "When you have to ride buses everywhere you go, life seems to be one big timetable."

"I'm a slow starter. I wanted to see if Martin would run, but he didn't . . . he stayed right there. I wanted to throw the uppercut more, but I couldn't get inside. Martin was very awkward to fight, hard to hit. He's a lot better than anybody I fought winning the eastern title. I was waiting for my second wind, and when I got it in the second round, that's when I took charge."

Neither boxer was ever in danger of a knockdown, but Wortham's harder blows bloodied Martin's nose in the eighth round.

Martin, who won and lost the 147-pound title last year in two wars with Dio Colome, saw his ledger dip to 17-5-2, five kayoes. Eric was obviously disappointed, but still gracious in defeat. The former pre-law student at San Jose State had every skill, but Wortham's superior power made the difference.

"I enjoyed the fight and I wish Troy well," Martin said. "I could have thrown more punches, I guess. Wortham was throwing a lot of punches just as I was blowing my nose and when the blood flew, I guess the judges figures all of 'em were landing. But I'm not arguing with the judges' decision."

Judge Dave Moretti gave the verdict to Martin, 115-114, but Jerry Roth and Dalby Shirley voted for Wortham, 116-115, and 116-112, respectively. *The Ring* scorecard, which gave Wortham four of the last five rounds, had it 116-114 for the new champion.

In the 10-round semi-windup, Detroit's David Braxton showed why he is the World Boxing Association's number one junior middleweight contender, stopping durable Tony Cerda, of Pomona, Calif., at 2:27 of the fourth round.

Braxton, 157, picked up his 23rd kayo to continue on a collision course with WBA titleholder Mike McCallum of New York. Emanuel Steward's bomber is now 32-1 and should get that title shot sometimes this summer.

Cerda, 159½, making his first Las Vegas appearance since 1983, when he lost a 10-round decision to former triple champion Wilfred Benitez at the Dunes, took his fifth loss against 17 victories and four draws.

Braxton bided his time against Cerda, who threw a lot of combinations fighting off the ropes. When Tony fired a combination moving out of Braxton's corner, Dave caught him cold with a booming right to the jaw. The Californian fell like he was poleaxed, rolled over on his side, and then struggled to his feet.

When the dazed Cerda reeled along the ropes with his hands down, referee Jim Molinell stopped the bout.

Andy Minsker, 129, a U.S. Olympic alternate to Meldrick Taylor, from Milwaukie, Ore., was fully extended in winning his fifth straight with a unanimous six-round decision over Jeff Franklin, 126¾, losing for the first time in eight starts.

"Lightning Bob" Smith, 176½, Las Vegas, made it 3-0-2 with a unanimous six-round verdict over Tom Covington, 170¾, Phoenix, Ariz.

Lonnie Gray, 249, making his pro debut, out of Pomona, Calif., was awarded a controversial TKO over Said Ayub, 202½, Las Vegas, at 2:34 of the second in a scheduled five-round bout. Ayub is now 2-1 with one knockout.

Dwight Robinson, 149½, Detroit, Mich., moved to his fifth straight win, fourth inside the distance, when he stopped Nick Mayon, 146½, Tucson, Ariz., at 1:02 of the fifth in a slated six-rounder.

Tony Davi, 138, Las Vegas, and Polo Martinez, 141¼, East Los Angeles, boxed to a hard four-round draw. Davi is now 2-0-1 with two kayoes. Martinez was making his pro debut.
(05-24-85)

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel-Casino**—Before the current year has expired, Roman George and his connections want to fulfill two ambitions—win the Top Rank/ESPN boxing tournament in two divisions.

A commendable ambition for any young boxer with an eye on the future, but the 24-year-old George, out of Lafayette, La., seems bent on doing it in reverse—first the junior middleweight title and then welterweight laurels.

Roman took a big step toward locking up the 154-pound crown in his last Las Vegas appearance when he won ESPN's Western Regional crown with a sudden stoppage of hard-punching Zack Hewitt of Union City, Calif., on a TKO at 2:58 of the ninth round in a matchup scheduled for 10.

Just about now you will read, or perhaps *have* read, when George settled the issue on TV with Detroit's Darnell Knox, the Eastern champion. Guaranteed purses of $5,000, plus a $1,000 bonus and a new 1985 Buick Starlite are incentives to prompt top efforts by both fighters.

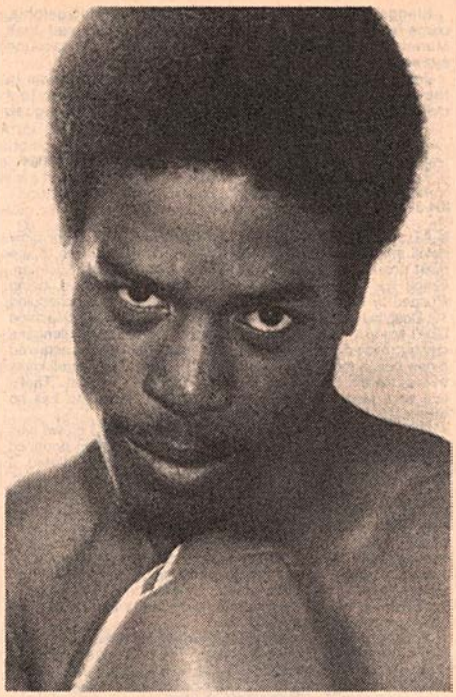
A 6'1" southpaw, George ran his undefeated string to 16-0-1 while making Hewitt his ninth kayo victim. The latter's record dipped to 9-3 with seven kayoes.

George, the 1982 National Golden Gloves national welterweight champion whose amateur log of 208-37 included victories over Olympian Frank Tate and a split decision loss to gold medalist Mark Breland, is still a natural welter, but had to move up in class when no tournament matches were available at 147 pounds.

Roman, managed by Kerry Daigle and trained by John Stutes, made his western debut here April 25 with a decisive eight-round decision over Kenny Releford of Fort Worth. Hewitt advanced to the finals on the same card with a four-round TKO over Jihad Karriem of Los Angeles.

"What I'm really looking forward to is a rematch with Breland as a pro. I figure he owes me something," Roman said. "They've talked to Kerry about an eight-round bout for very little money. We want it as a 10-rounder. If I can win both ESPN titles, maybe it will happen."

Despite his advantages in height and reach, Roman, 152, needed about three rounds to ignite a solid offense as Hewitt, 153, was lunging with his punches in landing solid rights and snapping uppercuts inside.



*Lightweight Gary Williams moved his record to 10-0, seven knockouts, with a second round stoppage of Paul Barton.*

Hewitt's forced style was more erratic than accurate, and it wasn't until the seventh round that George really began to apply the pressure with punishing counter shots.

It was still a close fight coming out for the ninth round, with Las Vegas judges Patricia Jarman and Lou Tabat giving a 77-75 edge to George. Hal Miller had it even, 76-76.

Though Hewitt appeared to be tiring slightly in the eighth, he caught Roman with a right and then engaged in a torrid exchange before the elongated southerner almost put Zack down with a right hook. Roman then drove Hewitt into the ropes with a combination to the head.

Hewitt's eyes were glazed and blood seeped from both nostrils as George stepped in with an unanswered volley of nine lefts and rights. Referee Joey Curtis moved in and when Hewitt couldn't raise his hands in defense, he abbreviated the action.

"I'll admit it took me a few rounds to get started because Hewitt was strong and awkward," George said. "And I didn't want to get hit with that right hand."

Victor Acosta, 135, New York, and Gary Williams, 135, Pomona, Calif., advanced in ESPN's Western Regional lightweight semi-finals, both scheduled for eight rounds. Acosta, a native of Puerto Rico, improved his record to 17-7-1, five knockouts, with an upset decision over Walter Simms, 135, North Hollywood, Calif., whose reading is now 14-2-2, 11 kayoes.

Williams, 135, lived up to his kayo prediction when he recovered from a first round knockdown to stop Paul Barton, 133¾, Portland, Ore., at 1:16 of the second round. Williams improved his credentials to 10-0, seven kayoes, while the favored Barton fell to 16-2-1 with 13 knockouts.

Michael Nunn, 159¾, North Hollywood, Calif., who lost to George in the amateurs, made it six straight kayoes as a pro when he erased Las Vegas' Larry Davis, 160¼, at 1:15 of the second round in a scheduled six. Davis is now 6-2, with five kayoes.

Vincent Releford, 142, Fort Worth, gained his fourth in a row with a unanimous six-round decision over Roberto Garcia, 141½, Los Angeles, who skidded to 8-3 with six knockouts.

Jesse Lopez, 139½, Eugene Ore., remained undefeated, stopping Mike Castro, 143¾, Las Vegas, at 2:04 of the second round in a sixer. Lopez moved to 8-0, six knockouts, while Castro tumbled to 8-5, five kayoes.

George Evans, 117½, Eugene, Ore., made it 3-0, two kayoes, with a unanimous six-round decision over debuting Tony Guerrero, 118½, Los Angeles.
(06-27-85)

**JACK WELSH**

## NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantic Hotel Casino**—In a major coup, hot prospect Calvin Grove jumped from manager John Traitz and promoter Peltz to Carmine Graziano and Josephine Abercrombie. Russell has a reputation for making his charges fight, and if Calvin wanted easier opposition, he couldn't have gotten a better foil than Idabeth (his mother must have wanted a girl) Rojas.

The Colombian, now out of Miami, 127, is a live fighter at home, but showed only charity on the road. His strategy seemed to be to lure Grove, 127¾, Coatesville, Pa., into a perfect counter, but Calvin, a moving boxer, wasn't going for that. Grove completely outboxed Rojas in a dull affair to take a unanimous decision, 10. Lawrence Wallace and Frank Cairo had shutouts, while Rudy Battle scored it 9-1. Tony Perez refereed.

The undercard more than made up for Idabeth's pacivity. Vinnie Costello, 130½, Kingston, New York, outlasted Chet Richardson, 129, Youngstown, who was hampered by cuts, to win a close but unanimous verdict in an eight-round war. Tony Perez, ref.

The bruising body attack of Pat Cutaneo, 146, Bayonne, overcame the fancy posing of Wayne Travagline, 145, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win in a crowd-pleasing six. Pat nailed down the victory with a left hook that sent Wayne to the canvas in the final round. Steve Smoger refereed.

Stringbean Cornell Sims, 153¾, Paterson, made an impressive debut, beating brawler Carney (Beep) Bowman, 155, York, Pa., by majority decision in an action four. Steve Smoger, ref.

Andre Hayes, 172¾, Asbury Park, upset tough but crude Ken Simmons, 174, Queens, by majority verdict in a bruising four. Simmons was badly cut up, and down in the fourth—coming back to rock Hayes, but unable to find a finisher. Tony Perez, ref.

Bob Dietlmeier, 218¼, Toms River, N.J., used body contact as much as his fists to wear out and K.O. hapless Jim Holly, 205¾, Ashtabula, Ohio, with two knockdowns at 1:29 of the third round in a ragged but exciting scheduled four. Steve Smoger, ref.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—SRO, Gross—$1,200 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(04-24-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—With this promotion already reeling under the impact of pull-outs, promoter Peltz was hit with not one, but a double substitution. Originally, Curtis Parker was to have met Mario Maldonado in an excellent local pairing. Mario always pulls out, so it's asking for trouble to have him on the bill in the first place. When he did, Parker's people first turned down Sanderline Williams, then accepted Dwight (Tiger) Walker. But then Parker himself suffered a rib injury in sparring two days before the bout. The desperate promoter tried in vain to persuade Curtis to go through with the match, then ended up pairing Walker with Williams.

After all that activity, the fight itself was an anti-climax, and neither man looked good. Walker, 161, Newark, ended up winning a split verdict over Williams, 164½, Cleveland, 10. Dwight, who is trying to get his career going again after multiple management and promotional changes, stalked and made what action there was. Sanderline, whose bouts have largely been hidden away in the hinterlands, boxed and countered. But he just wasn't fighting to win, and didn't deserve the vote he got. Richard F. Murry scored for the loser, 6-3-1, while both Lawrence Wallace and Frank Cairo had it 6-3-1, Walker. Dwight claimed he was too heavy after beefing up from his usual junior middleweight for Parker, a guy he wouldn't have had to chase. "When you stalk a guy, you've got to make him panic," explained trainer Quenzell McCall. "When you take your time going after him, he can set up and try to beat you outside. Dwight went after him too slowly." Sanderline's manager, Richie Giachetti, in absentia, alibied by phone, "I wish I had been there because I wouldn't have okayed the fight on a notice like that. He wasn't training enough to win this fight." Ted Pick refereed.

The co-feature was just the opposite, a corker of a boxing and punching match in which Anthony Witherspoon, 175¾, Philadelphia, scored a unanimous win over Tony Nelson, 174¼, Braddock, Pa., 10. Witherspoon, a throwback to the '50s in-your-face, slip and counter stylists, was just a little too sharp for the ever-trying Nelson, and broke a close fight open when he had Tony in trouble in the eighth. Murry and Wallace voted 6-3-1, Cairo 8-2. Paul Venti refereed.

Maturing into a sharp boxer, lefty Fred Reed Hall, 122¼, Brooklyn, got surprised and dropped in the first by brawling Pepe Vasquez, 120¼, Hartford, then regrouped and scored a unanimous win in a good eight. Ted Pick, ref.

Crude slugger Billy Wyatt, 149, Mechanicsville, Va., proved too strong for game Ricky Stephenson, 152, Portsmouth, Va., who was knocked onto the apron in the fourth and then hammered into a TKO at 2:13 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Ted Pick, referee.

Ricky Nelson, 139½, Bronx, son of the tough club fighter of the '60s, debuted with a unanimous win over Daniel Sally, 134, Houston via Philadelphia, in a good four. Paul Venti, ref.

Promoter—J. Russell Peltz (Sands/Tiger Eye, Ltd.).
Matchmaker—Harold Moore.
Attendance—350 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(05-06-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Maurice Blocker made his farewell appearance in the cradle of his career, just a week after stablemate Simon Brown did the

same. If anything, Blocker looked even better than Brown had, against even tougher opposition. "The Thin Man," 150½, Washington, D.C., taught a lesson to Ricardo Bryant, 150, Washington, Pa., via a unanimous decision, 10. Maurice displayed sharp combination punching, plus an excellent defense, smothering nearly all of Ricardo's attack without moving out of his own punching range. About the only flaw Maurice evidenced was his tendency to relax and admire his work in the later rounds. Bryant was dropped by vicious left hooks to the body in the fourth and fifth, but trainer Jose Correa explained later that he wanted his charge to get in the work, and not go for the knockout. Ted Pick refereed.

Harold (The Shadow) Knight, 130, Plainfield, beat Mauri Saalakhan, 135½, D.C., by unanimous verdict, six. The returning Saalakhan, a nifty boxer who is always matched tough, floored Knight in the first, but found the excellent prospect more than a match thereafter. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Mike Goudeau, 142½, Philadelphia, handed a unanimous drubbing to one-time prospect—mismanaged into obscurity—Darrell (Kid Chocolate) Mitchell, 141, New York, six. Ted Pick, referee.

In a battle of sons of famous fighters, Johnny Bizzaro, Jr., 140½, Erie, hammered Charlie Briscoe, 137¼, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win, four. Joe O'Neil, ref.

Randy Richardson, 132¾, Youngstown, was too sharp for game Willie Llanos, 135, Bronx, with a unanimous win, four. Ted Pick, ref.

Terry Armstrong, 206¾, Cincinnati, hustled to upset debuting Donald Vance, 255½, D.C., who found out it takes more than size, by unanimous verdict, four. Joe O'Neil, ref.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbau, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,100 (est.).
Judges—Milo Savage, Thomas Kaczmarek, Joe Pasquale.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(05-07-85)

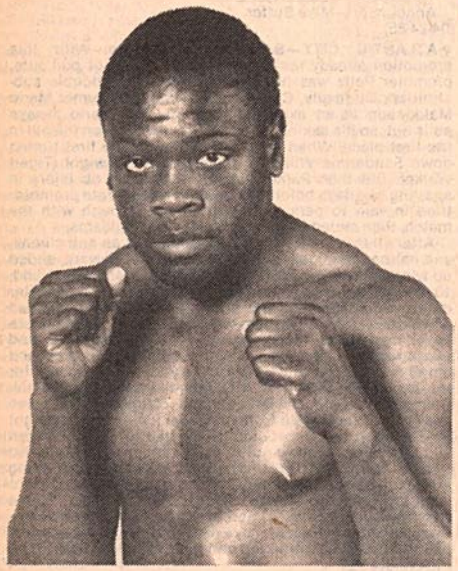


Photo by Pete Goldfield

*Welterweight contender Simon Brown hammered Colombian veteran Martin Rojas for a ninth-round TKO in Atlantic City.*

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Simon Brown made one last appearance at the site of nearly all his fights, as part of a settlement between the promoters and manager Jose Correa. Brown's career has been in limbo some nine months, after Correa decided to shaft the promotion that had developed him from a four-round kid, and flirt with others for bigger bucks. The lay-off didn't seem to hurt Simon physically one bit, as he's a diligent trainer who has remained active in the gym. His opponent, Martin Rojas, 147½, Barranquilla, Colombia, though just a trialhorse, proved both stubborn and courageous. But he just couldn't match the skills of Brown, 150, Washington, D.C., who gave the game Rojas a relentless hammering with sharp combinations. Martin was nearly gone as early as the fourth, but fought back stubbornly every time he was rocked. By the eighth, he was bleeding badly from the nose and mouth, and being hurt to the body. After a jolting left uppercut sent Rojas reeling into the ropes, referee Larry Hazzard administered a standing eight. Hazzard wouldn't let the bout continue into the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Mike Costello, 174, Bridgeport, Conn., wore down, then pounded Demetrius (Oak Tree) Edwards, 181¾, Brooklyn, to take a unanimous decision in an unpleasing, gruelling battle of attrition, eight. Ted Pick refereed.

Slugger Tony Pruitt, 120½, St. Louis via Philadelphia, came from behind to score a majority win over boxer Juan Muriel, 123¼, New York, who faded following a third round eye cut in a good six. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Jesse Shaw, 177, Chester, Pa., came off the canvas in the first to battle "Stingray" McCarthy, 174, Easton, to a majority draw in a crude but hard-fought four. Ted Pick, ref.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbau, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,200 (est.).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Rocky Castellani, Rich Strange.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(04-30-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—A major blow befell area boxing with the unexpected demise of one of the most popular young lions, "The Zion Lion," Gregg Edelman. Gregg lost his Jersey state junior welterweight crown, being stopped by sleeper Joey Ferrell after six rounds of a scheduled 12. Despite his having knocked off Gregg's chief rival, "Machine Gun" Mungin, virtually no one outside the Italian challenger's camp expected Joey to win. The promoters hadn't even acquired a new belt, a move they later regretted. Darkhorse Farrell knew he was there to lose. "They feel like I'm nobody," he said. "That's just what Mungin's people thought, too . . . Edelman has no weakness. I'm his only weakness!"

No quizzical clique of high rollers here, the SRO crowd was on its feet, dancing and stomping, as the champion bounced into the ring to a Jewish tune. But once the action started, it became clear the champ was in anything but a showcase match. In round after round of ferocious infighting, Ferrell, 139, Philadelphia via Somerdale, N.J. (where the gym is located), more than held his own. Edelman, 137¾, Merchantville, N.J. is a whirlwind banger, noted for meeting his opponents head-on—and overcoming them. He had hoped Joey, a sometimes cutie, would stand and trade. "He might come out dancing instead of fighting," Gregg had said. "But if he comes . . . right at me . . . he's dead." An Edelman victory seemed imminent, since that's just what Joey was doing. Or was he?

Actually, what appeared on the surface as a wild battle, was really a masterful display of savvy by the challenger. Bent into a deep crouch, Ferrell appeared almost in pain, but was actually smothering Gregg's normally potent body attack. "I was concentrating on digging body shots, when I should have been going to the head," Edelman said later. With his head in Gregg's chest, Joey was able to force the champ back, causing him to lose all power, and keeping Edelman upright, with his chin in Ferrell's range. So while there appeared little to choose between them in blistering action, it was Ferrell who dished out the punishment. Late in the sixth, a series of booming right hooks from a southpaw stance left Gregg wobbly. He slumped on his stool, obviously distressed, and upon reporting to trainer Quenzell McCall that he felt dizzy, the trainer had ref Tony Perez stop the fight. At the time, Ferrell was slightly ahead on the cards.

The new champ was beside himself. "This is absolutely the happiest moment of my life," he enthused. "The title may not mean much to some people, but to me, it's the world." Gregg accepted the defeat. "I was standing straight up. That was my problem," he said. "Everybody loses . . . All fighters have to go through it. Things don't go right all the time."

Edward O'Boyle, 153½, New York, hammered game Ferdo Shkreli, 151, Bronx, into a TKO at 1:07 of the third round in a scheduled six. Tony Orlando refereed.

Wesley Reid, 169, Long Beach, N.Y., upset Joe Morrone, 168¼, Glenside, Pa., pounding him to the canvas twice in the first and once in the second for a TKO at 2:09 in their scheduled six. Tony Perez, referee.

Boxer Billy Packard, 137, Atlantic City, came off the floor in the second to edge slugger Lou Palumbo, 139¾, Brooklyn, via split decision, four. Tony Orlando, referee.

Classy Joe Loving, 134, Rochester, cleaned up early on gritty "Pee Wee" Silva, 132¼, Jersey City, then withstood a surge to gain a majority decision, four. Tony Orlando, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—SRO. Gross—1,500 (est.).
Judges—Eva Shain, Milo Savage, John Stewart.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-10-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—A memorable part of casino boxing ended, as "The Trop" presented the final card in the old ballroom before shifting to the new showroom. The scene of an ambitious schedule of weekly cards for some four years, the ballroom program proved a true pioneer of the casino genre. Surviving early criticism from fans and press used to a steady diet of weekend major events, "The Trop" became the first, and only, casino to present weekly cards, survive without TV, and most importantly, achieve a true small club atmosphere familiar to the "blue collar" fan. All these pluses seemed lost on casino executives, who are apparently determined to melt into the crowd.

The final card presented a galaxy of stars, but without opposition sufficient to make them shine. In the top bout, Lonnie Smith, 142½, Denver, recently jumped from ESPN control and hooked up with Long Island's dreaded duo of Solerwitz and Leeds, scored a unanimous win over Joey Soler, 142½, Brooklyn, in a dreary 10. Now trained by Ron Lyle, the winner, as usual, annoyed fans by making it look too easy, and drew boos. It didn't help any when, in the seventh, a frustrated Soler lunged after Smith, fell and tried to grab Lonnie's waist, only to be met by a deliberate knee. Shortly after, a right uppercut stunned Soler, but Smith didn't seem to notice, or follow. "I love boxing," Lonnie explained. "I'm not a brawler in there. I like to do my thing and enjoy it." One could hardly argue the outcome: Eva Shain and Rudy Battle, 9-1; Al DeVito, a shutout. Joe O'Neil refereed.

In the companion 10, maturing Robert Folley, 175, Irvington, easily destroyed club brawler Mike Pollitt, 167¼, New Lisbon, Ind., at 2:00 of the second. Normally a cautious boxer, Robert can bang with the right when he wants to, and found the slow and stationary Pollitt irresistible. Mike had been blasted down three times when referee Frank Cappuccino stopped it.

Another maturing kid, Sam David, 118¾, Phillipsburg, N.J., drubbed unbeaten Luis Ramos, 117¼, Brooklyn, via unanimous decision in a good eight. Learning to weave inside, the strong stocky David kept a relentless pressure on the rangy Ramos, and had him ready to fall in the final round. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Slippery Joe Walker, 157¼, Akron, completely befuddled flat-footed slugger Terry Holmes, 158½, Kalamazoo, for a unanimous win, eight. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

In a battle of southpaws, Tracy Spann, 135, Plainfield, TKO'd used-up Frank Mackey, 135¼, Troy, New York, who went down on purpose twice to save himself punishment, at 2:32 of the first round in a scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Southpaw Walter Houston, 152, New York, let a win get away, and ended up with a majority draw against ever-trying Juan Torres, 150½, Bronx, four.

Frank Cappuccino, ref.
Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,100 (est.).
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(05-21-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Hotel & Casino**—An excellent match between Calvin Grove and Irving Mitchell for the USBA featherweight title fizzled just hours before lift-off, when Irving decided to visit a well-known local eatery. He ended up spurting from the tailpipe so badly, he was able to jet back to San Diego without a plane. Promoters Abercrombie and Levine offered fans their money back, then invited them to stay for a program of undercard bouts that turned the evening from a "Katz-tastrophe" into an artistic success.

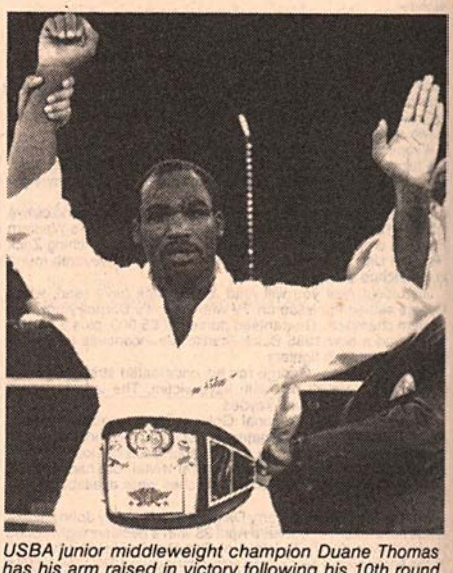
In the top bout, Vinnie Costello, 132¾, Kingston, N.Y., won a close but deserved split decision over Kent Hardee, 131, Fayetteville, N.C., eight. This was a war, with the rugged Hardee outfighting Vinnie on sheer drive early, stunning him with a left hook in the third. But the rangier Costello fought well with his back to the ropes, and outhustled Hardee in savage infighting. All three judges voted 4-3-1, but Thomas Kaczmarek favored Hardee; Lawrence Wallace and Frank Brunette had it for the winner. Joe Cortez refereed.

Tony Pruitt, 121½, Philadelphia, cut short a good fight with Tony Coleman, 123½, Trenton, when a left hook out of a vicious exchange dropped and TKO'd Coleman at 2:04 of the second round in a scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

George Brown, 146¼, Bay City, Mich., via Fayetteville, slaughtered a courageous but outgunned Kerwin (Hurricane) Carter, 147, Washington, D.C., who was hammered into a TKO on his feet at 2:14 of the third round in a scheduled four. Joe Cortez, referee.

"Fuzzie" Williams, 126¼, Hempstead, Long Island, showed sheer determination in outlasting better-skilled Michael Green, 124¼, Plainfield, for a unanimous win in a great four. Green was down in the third. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

HBA East.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—600 (est.).
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-24-85)



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*USBA junior middleweight champion Duane Thomas has his arm raised in victory following his 10th round TKO over Mark McPherson.*

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Duane Thomas, 154, Detroit, defended his USBA junior middleweight crown with a TKO over Mark McPherson, 154, Lakeview, L.I., at 1:33 of the 10th round in a scheduled 12. The bout was closely contested, with lulls in the action punctuated by outbursts of explosive punching.

Neither was terribly effective with his boxing, so bombardment became the weapon for ultimate victory. Mark, a standup boxer with a solid one-two, had his chance first, when he landed the right late in round three, shaking Thomas badly. But the bell came to the champ's aid, and the challenger was never able to repeat. In the sixth, Thomas finally woke to the fact that he was in a fight, and unleashed a tremendous volley that had McPherson ready to fall.

But Duane failed to press his advantage in subsequent rounds, and nearly loafed the fight away. Finally, late in the ninth, a left hook counter nailed the challenger and sent him staggering back to his corner. This time, Thomas applied pressure at the start of the next round, and McPherson never had a chance to regroup. Mark took a ferocious pounding, with trainer Jimmy Glenn standing forlornly on the apron, trying to stop the fight. Referee Tony Perez finally gave the challenger a standing eight, then halted it. At the time, all judges had the champion ahead—Frank Cairo and Thomas Kaczmarek, both 6-3; Lawrence Wallace, 5-4.

Trying to get his career going after difficulties in tougher bouts, touted Darryl Anthony, 145¼, St. Louis, won a close but deserved split decision over tough sleeper Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 147, Philadelphia, 10. In a fine, disciplined match, Sugar got off to his usual slow start, then had to play catch-up and couldn't quite do it, despite a late surge. Ted Pick refereed.

Lanky Victorio Belcher, 141, South Bend, Ind., looked good, wearing out and stopping Tim Davis, 136, Baltimore, who was unable to come out for the fourth and final round. Ted Pick, ref.

Tito Rosado, 134, New York, beat Sebastian Wilburn, 134, Benton Harbor, Mich., via majority decision in a roughhouse four. Wilburn had the nerve to call himself "Electro, The Exterminator," but from the nature of his attack, it should have been "The Castrator." Tony Perez, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—1,000 (est.).
Judges (undercard)—Milo Savage, John Stewart, Ted Larve.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-16-85)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—The opener in the cavernous tomb of the Tropicana showroom turned out appropriately cadaverous, with Greg Richardson, 119, Youngstown, upsetting Oscar Muniz, 121¾, Pico Rivera, CA, to take Oscar's USBA junior feather crown, 12. Though a solid matchup between two world-rated contenders, the competition was more with the feet than the fists. Anytime there's a bout between two guys nicknamed "The Flea" (Richardson) and "The Boxer" (Muniz), one can hardly expect a slugfest. But Richardson's footwork, far from that of the graceful matador, was more akin to full flight. One restless fan quipped that his moniker should be "The Flee," while a jogger editorialized, "This is a 10K fight."

Trouble was, the defending champ lived up to his nickname, too. Oscar proved too methodical to get "down and dirty," or even to mount the grandiose swings, snorting, and muscle-flexing that might have enabled him to steal some rounds on "aggression." "I'm one of those scared fighters, and scared fighters are dangerous. I'm afraid to get hit," he had confessed, "so I'll do anything to make sure I don't." And the challenger was certainly obliging. He pacified Oscar with virtually no offense at the start, then sneaked into the fight in the middle rounds with poking jabs and "excuse-me" counters that were hardly enough to "scare" the champ.

By the 10th, Greg seemed to realize he had nothing to be "scared" of either, and began fighting with more confidence. Planting his feet long enough to surprise Oscar with flashy combinations, he finally gave the starving fans
forged into the lead. Muniz rumbled back in the final round, making the verdict anybody's guess. The judging was a surprise, in that it violated the harebrained "rule" that a challenger must "take it to" the champion, but not unjust. John Stewart scored it 115-113, Frank Cairo 115-114, and Harold Lederman 116-112—unanimous for the challenger. As he frequently does, Richardson had "backed into" the victory, but if he learns to coordinate his offense and defense, he could become a master. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Joes Fuentes, 150½, Jersey City, beat Ron Malek, 157, Wichita, via unanimous decision, in a gruelling, unpleasing eight. Tony Perez, referee.

Joe Walker, 154¾, Akron, appeared to have the edge, but got only a majority draw with Steve Little, 154¾, Reading, in a listless eight. One vote to Walker. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Howard Stewart, 142½, Kankakee, Ill., via Phila., and Clarence Coleman, 141½, Newark, battled to a majority draw in a lively four. Clarence was classier, but Howard more determined. One vote to Coleman. Tony Perez, referee.

Mike Harris, 183¼, Philadelphia, won a close but unanimous verdict over Doug McCollum, 186¾, Brooklyn, in an unkempt four. Tony Perez, ref.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
Judges (undercard)—Milo Savage, Rocky Castellani, Ted Larve.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(06-04-85)

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▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Caesars Boardwalk Regency**—Jackie Beard, 128¾, Detroit, used a strong stretch run to edge out Anthony English, 128, Camden, N.J. via a 10-round unanimous decision. All three judges; Richard F. Murry, William Kostrub, and Rocky Castellani, had it 6-4, as did *The Ring*.

English started strong, and his long armed punching kept the shorter Beard at bay early on. Only in round seven did English look as he did in the early rounds. He staggered Beard and nearly put him on the canvas, but his chance slipped by, as Beard took the last three rounds on *The Ring* card. The ref was Steve Smoger.

Jesse Ferguson, 211, Philadelphia, won by majority decision in 10 over James (Buster) Douglas, 242¼, Columbus, Ohio. This bout was the final in the eastern heavyweight section of the Top Rank/ESPN tournament. After both boxers (especially Ferguson, just at the bell ending the round) were hurt in the first, neither staged any all-out attacks the rest of the way. Douglas seemed to leave his fight in round one after having Jesse ready to go.

Scores: Castellani, 5-5; Kostrub, 7-2-1; Murry, 6-3-1. *The Ring* saw it 7-3, Ferguson. The referee was Tony Perez.

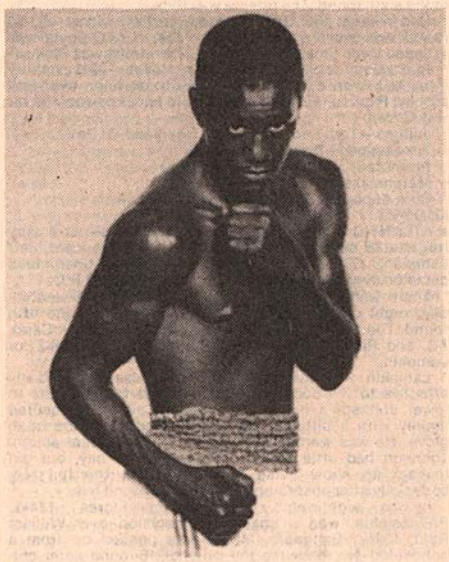
David Barrow, 161¾, and Nate Godbolt, 159—both of Philadelphia—had their scheduled 6-rounder stopped after three rounds. Even though Barrow was ahead on all cards, it was declared a technical draw because Godbolt suffered a severe cut on his scalp due to an unintentional butt. Steve Smoger, referee.

Scott Wheaton, 194¾, Miami, Fla., TKO'd Larry Phelps, 190¾, Dayton, Ohio, at 1:01 of round four; scheduled for six. Phelps was dropped once in that round and referee Perez later halted the bout as Phelps was being assaulted on the ropes.

Bert Cooper, 195¾, Philadelphia, kayoed Jim (Kool Aid) Jones, 193¾, Buffalo, N.Y. at 0:59 of round one; scheduled for six. This one was fireworks right from the start. Jones was dropped twice, the second from an out-cold single left hook. The ref was Smoger. Cooper is now 6-0, all by knockout.

Jerry Smith, 152, Vineland, N.J., and Victor Laguer, 153½, Brooklyn, fought to a four-round draw—majority style, as Smith got one vote, two others for a draw. Steve Smoger, referee.

Top Rank, Inc.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-09-85)



*Former WBA junior welterweight champion Johnny Bumphus racked up another easy win with a fifth-round TKO over soft touch Richard Beranek.*

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino**—Johnny Bumphus, 149, Mt. Laurel, N.J., got another soft touch win while waiting around for a title shot. He scored a one-sided no knockdown fifth round TKO win over Richard Beranek, 151, Toledo, Ohio, via Rapid City, S.D. The ending of this scheduled 10-rounder came at the 2:01 mark of the fifth.

Bruce Struss, the chief cornerman for Beranek, had seen enough and waived for the commission doctor to have referee Joe Cortez stop the fight. Both boxers are southpaws.

Gaby Canizales, 120½, Laredo, Texas, also received a softie, but his opponent wasn't so agreeable. Troy Townsend, 121¼, New York, lasted until 2:52 of the 10th and final round. Canizales has a summer date with Sandoval for the WBA bantamweight title. He better forget about winning—if he doesn't look any better than he has in his last two bouts.

Canizales finally caught up to his springy foe and dropped him in the 10th with a right hand. Townsend, who showed much heart and good legs throughout, managed to get up at six. Referee Randy Neumann surprisingly let it continue—but only for a few seconds. Townsend had nothing left to protect himself.

Floyd Favors, 129¾, Capitol Heights, Md., won a four unanimous decision over southpaw loser Tim Daniels, 129½, Trenton, N.J. Favors is now 2-0. Joe Cortez, referee.

Rocky Rosas, 138¼, Passaic, N.J., won by TKO at 2:13 of round two over Shelton Nixon, 142, Portsmouth, Va. Scheduled for six; the ref was Neumann. There were no knockdowns, but the southpaw had Nixon pinned in a neutral corner and covering up when it was halted.

Ricky Melton, 228¼, Albany, N.Y., looking much older than his reported 29 years, scored a four-round unanimous decision over Vince Jones, 196, New York. Jones was dropped by a short right hand mid-way in round one. The ref was Cortez. Melton is now listed at 2-0.

Judges—William Kostrub, Richard F. Murry, Gene Grant.
Main Events.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
(05-22-85)

◀**ATLANTIC CITY—Atlantis Casino-Hotel**—Dennis Andries, 174, London, England, came into town with questionable credentials, but left with flying colors. The British light-heavyweight champion took apart Tim Broady, 174, Brooklyn, and stopped him at 1:28 of round five in a scheduled 10.

Andries won all the completed rounds on all three judges cards, plus that of *The Ring*. He couldn't miss with the right hand, nor the jab. Using ring center circling to avoid the potent left hook of Broady, Andires looked well schooled, and Broady never had the chance to let fly with his own "TNT." "Dynamite" Andries had the shorter fuse—and he got off quicker.

Referee Larry Hazzard stopped the bout because the left eye of Broady had swelled completely shut due to two stinging left jabs in the preceding round.

Mike Tricarico, 144½, Brooklyn, won a hard fought six round unanimous decision over Miguel Montero, 149, Philadelphia, Pa. Scores were: John Stewart, 4-1-1; Phil Newman, 4-2; Charlie Spina, 5-1. *The Ring* saw it 4-2 for Mike. Steve Smoger, referee.

Al Laddie, 148, Fayetteville, N.C., scored a TKO win over Pat Cutaneo, 146½, Bayonne, N.J., at 0:43 of round five in a scheduled six. This was another fine action prelim put on by matchmaker Ron Katz. Cutaneo was given a standing eight count by referee Hazzard earlier in the round.

In an even better scrap, Mike Goudeau, 143, Philadelphia, edged Georgie Brooks, 141¼, Lancaster, Pa. Goudeau got all three cards by 3-2-1 scores—just the opposite of *The Ring*, but who's arguing? Each battler surely deserved a bonus. The referee was Smoger.

Benny Torres, 134¼, Danbury, Conn., caught Tim Moley, 135½, Coram, N.Y., with one right hand and seconds later, it was all over. Moley managed to beat the count, but was in no condition to go on. The time was 1:52 of round one, scheduled for six. Steve Smoger, ref.

Promoter—HBA East.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(05-25-85)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►**ATLANTIC CITY—The Atlantis Hotel-Casino**—In the evening's main event, Junior Edmond, 174¼, Newark, N.J., easily handled Southern Boxing Association light heavyweight champion Bobby Jennings, 173, Greenville, S.C. He disposed of Bobby at the 1:36 mark of round four—scheduled for 10—with one short and sweet right hand to the side of Jennings' head. Bobby fell as if shot dead, and referee Joe O'Neil halted the count at three so Jennings could be aided by the ring doctors.

Up until that point, it was all Edmond. Jennings could not find the answer to Edmond's jab, and was shut down in his meek efforts to get inside with power punches. Edmond used the jab as a counter and a lead, taking the first three rounds on *The Ring* card.

The usually inactive Edmond looked razor sharp in controlling the action. He would pump the jab, causing Jennings to hesitate, often following with the straight right or hooking off the jab. He certainly had Jennings' number.

Frank Tate, 162¾, Houston, Texas, who had won all his previous six starts as a professional via the stoppage route, had to settle for a six-round unanimous decision over game David Barrow, 163, Philadelphia. The Olympic champion, who received scores of 6-0, 6-0, and 5-1, put Barrow down in the last round. Barrow made Tate earn every point. The referee was Joe O'Neil.

Lonnie Adams, 152½, Philadelphia, won via a second round TKO over Ali Da'Han, 153, Jersey City, N.J. Ali was not allowed to continue into round three of this scheduled six rounder due to a severe swelling which closed his right eye. The bout was still up for grabs at the time of the stoppage. The ref. was Ted Pick.

In a rugged, hard-punching affair, Greg Tutt, 147½, Philadelphia, scored a TKO over Mack (Attack) Brown, 147¾, Freeport, N.Y., at 1:16 of the sixth and last round. Plenty of ebb and flow in this pleasing bout. Tutt's right hand proved to be the difference. He dropped Brown twice in the sixth round. The referee was Pick.

Carl Wilson, 156, Queens, scored a TKO win at 1:53 of round two over Edward O'Boyle, 154, N.Y. O'Boyle was dropped three times in round two. The referee was Pick.

In a sloppy walk-out bout, Andre Hayes, 173¼, Asbury Park, N.J. won a four round majority decision over Phil (Rocky) Paolino, 175½, New York. No knockdowns; the ref was O'Neil.

Judges—Tom Kaczmarek, Ray Hoagland, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter—HBA East.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(06-05-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel-Casino**—In a very forgettable main event, on a most forgettable card, Jeff Lampkin, 177, Youngstown, Ohio, took a unanimous decision over Jack Johnson, 176¼, Washington, D.C.

There were no knockdowns, but Johnson took a standing eight count from referee Larry Hazzard in the fifth round. The scores were: John Stewart, 9-0-1; Frank Cairo, 7-3, and Rich Strange at 6-3-1. *The Ring* scored 8-2 for Lampkin.

Lampkin was the slow-motion aggressor, especially effective to the body. He scored points but did little to lower Johnson's hands. For his part, Johnson scored mainly with a pitty-pat jab—many times with the open glove. He was warned by Hazzard for this illegal action. Johnson had little punch to keep Jeff at bay, but did manage to show some heart by going the full ten, especially after absorbing a battering in round five.

In an eight-round semi, Victor Flores, 134½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over William Reid, 134¼, Baltimore, Md. It was pushed up from a scheduled six, because the original 10-round semi between Luis Rivera and Mike Sacchetti was scratched that afternoon because Mike failed a "head test." Reid hung in there after a strong start by Flores, but he was never able to string anything together. The scores: Stewart, 6-2; Cairo, 7-1, and Strange, 6-0-2. The referee was Joe Cortez.

In a scheduled four, James Barham, 167, Philadelphia, TKO'd Mike Pucciarelli, 166, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 1:39 of the first. Mike was dropped once by a right hand. The ref was Hazzard.

Who said Jack Johnson and Sonny Liston never boxed on the same card? It happened here, or so we were led to believe. With matchmaker/promoter Don Elbaum, anything is possible.

In the opening four, Joe Carr, 164½, Irvington, N.J. scored a third round knockout over Sonny Liston, Jr., 163¾, North Bergen, N.J. This supposed off-spring of the former heavyweight champion couldn't do much, and he was good looking to boot. Was this really a son of the late Charley The Bear? This young Sonny was very tentative in his pro debut. We found out why. He had no chin. Liston took a standing eight count in round two, and was also knocked down. In the third he was put away for keeps by a left hook knockdown. The time was 1:24 of the third. The referee was Joe Cortez.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Timekeeper—Justin Buccanico.
(06-11-85)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—The Trump Hotel-Casino**—Bernard Taylor wanted one more good workout before he finally got another shot at the WBA featherweight title. And he certainly got one. Taylor, 126¾, Knoxville, Tenn., won a close, hard fought 10-round unanimous decision over unheralded (not any longer) Tyrone Downes, 126¼, Trinidad.

The scores: Al DeVito and Lawrence Wallace, both had it 6-4, while Joe Pasquale saw it 5-4-1. Downes was dropped in round six on two occasions. Taylor had round nine (and two points) taken from him by referee Randy Neumann for low blows. In that round, Downes was floored in his own corner. It was ruled an official knockdown even though Downes was hit low during Taylor's barrage.

In a real war, Watusi DeJesus, 135½, Camden, N.J., took a unanimous decision over Lionel Johnson, 135¼, Detroit, Mich., eight. DeJesus was battered pretty well, but managed to pull it out by flooring Johnson in round two and seven. DeVito voted 4-3-1, Wallace 5-2-1, and Pasquale 4-4, but 36-35 in points to DeJesus. Neumann was the referee.

Edwin Curet, 137¼, Brockton, Mass., won an eight round split decision over Vernon Buchanan, 136¾, St. Louis, Mo. DeVito 5-2-1 and Wallace 4-3-1 for Curet, while Pasquale saw it 5-3 for Buchanan. The referee was Ted Pick. With their wins, Curet and DeJesus will tangle in the ESPN lightweight semi-finals tourney, winner to get the Las Vegas (Western) winner.

In an opening scheduled four, D.D. Young, 162¼, N.Y.C., won by TKO at 0:49 of the fourth over fellow New Yorker John Cummings, 163. No knockdowns; the referee was Pick. A slugfest.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Top Rank, Inc.
(06-11-85)

JACK OBERMAYER

## NEW MEXICO

►**LAS CRUCES—Pan Am Center**—Rosendo Alonso, 129¼, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, won the vacant Continental Americas super featherweight title with a TKO over Louie Burke, 130, Las Cruces, at 2:41 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12.

David Torres, 154, New York, kayoed Sam Huston, 153, Las Cruces, in 2:28 of the third round in a scheduled 12.

Ronnie Rentz, 118½, Albuquerque, TKO'd Juan Casanova, 118, New York, at 0:37 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Humberto Lucero, 139, Albuquerque, outpointed Cliff Thomas, 143½, El Paso, Texas, six.

Tony Foster, 222, Albuquerque, TKO'd Rene Gonzalez, 185, Alamogordo, N.M., in the first round of their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Lorenzo Saiz, 125, Las Cruces, outscored Tomas Otero, 124½, New York. Harold Romero, 130½, Santa Fe, outpointed Chris Diaz, 126, New York. Joel Craig, 164, Las Cruces, TKO'd Glen Johnson, 159, New York, at 2:22 of the first.

Promoter—Elba Burke.
(05-05-85)

## NEW YORK

►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Jose Quinones, 160, Rio Piedras, P.R., retained his Continental Americas middleweight title with a TKO over Arthur Anthony Holt, 158, Brooklyn, N.Y., at 1:24 of the 11th round in a scheduled 12. Referee Luis Rivera stopped the contest after Holt had been down twice.

Quinones is now 19-5-2 with 15 kayoes. Holt is 12-2 with nine knockouts.

Enrique Sanchez, 121, Dominican Republic, won a unanimous (all 6-4) decision over Jose (Pepe) Vasquez, 122, Hartford, Conn., 10. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Puerto Rican cruiserweight champion Dennis Jackson, 205, Rio Piedras, knocked out washed up Kevin Isaac, 196, New York, in 1:31 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Joe Cortez, referee.

Santos Cardona, 135½, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Francis, 137, Brooklyn, eight. Scoring: Tony Castellano, 5-3; George Colan and Harold Lederman, both 6-2. Luis Rivera, referee.

Frank Galarza, 136, Brooklyn, a southpaw, won a unanimous (all 3-1) decision over Hilario Mercedes, also 136, Jersey City, four. Mercedes was down in round one. Arthur Mercante, Jr., referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
(06-14-85)

►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Tyrone Jackson, 126, Harlem, New York, won the vacant New York State featherweight title with a split decision over Paul DeVorce, 125, Yonkers, 12. Scoring: Eva Shain and Ted Wint, both 7-5, Jackson, Victor Suarez, 8-4, DeVorce. Tony Perez, referee.

Ricky Young, 140, Harlem, rallied in the last three rounds to take a split duke over former lightweight contender Vilomar Fernandez, 141, Dominican Republic, 10. Young went to school on this occasion, graduating with high honors to raise his ring log to 14-1 with six knockouts. Fernandez, whose last bout was a 10-round points win over Billy Parks in April, 1984, is 30-11-2 with nine kayoes. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Club fighter Allen Braswell, 147½, Brooklyn, won an upset unanimous decision over Donny Poole, 148, Scarsborough, Ontario, Canada, 10. The fight was even up until the final round with Braswell staging a fine rally to pull out the verdict. Scoring: Eva Shain and Ted Wint, both 5-5 but 6-5 for Poole on points; Victor Suarez, 6-4. Vinnie Ferguson, referee.

Bertram Buchanan, 156, Carteret, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Carl (Wicked) Wilson, 155½, Flushing, Queens, New York, in the walk-out bout, cut from six rounds down to four. Scoring: Shain and Suarez, both 3-1; Wint, 4-0. Carl Schroeder, referee.

Alberto (Go Go) Gomez, 141½, Brooklyn, won a split decision over Lamont (Chuck) Everett, 141, New York, in the four-round opener. Scoring: Shain and Suarez, both 4-0, Gomez; Wint, 3-1.

Everett. Harry Smith, referee.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring Announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
(06-28-85)

**HERBERT G. GOLDMAN**

## PENNSYLVANIA

►**PHILADELPHIA—Mayfair Ballroom**—Talk about precipice matchmaking! This unambitious club show was literally snatched from the jaws of doom—and turned out a gem. Promoter Quentin Ellis was just returning from suspension over the number of stiffs appearing on his last card, only to find new matchmaker Howard McCall plagued by no-shows that nearly caused a last-minute cancellation of the card. With McCall scrambling to get a show together, even after the scheduled starting time, the commission allowed a four-round exhibition to make up the requisite number of rounds. And though the show lacked big names, the fans could hardly have asked for more action.

In the top bout, neighborhood hero Bob Nicks, 150, W. Philadelphia, got a hairline, but deserved, split verdict over Miguel Montero, 150, N. Philadelphia, after six rounds of furious action. Nicks was getting pounded in the fourth, but came back to outlast Miguel with a sensational stretch drive. All judges voted 28-27, Lynne Carter for Montero, Adalaide Tyndale and Carol Polis for Nicks. Tommy Reid, referee.

In a spirited battle of southpaws, Willie (The Slice) McNeal, 130½, W. Philadelphia, caught a tough break against Tony (Electric) Raysor, 133½, N. Philadelphia. Willie was leading comfortably when he suffered a cut eye and was TKO'd after three of a scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

John McMurren, 140½, N. Philadelphia, dropped Ronnie Washington, 141½, N. Philadelphia, with a left hook in the third, and dished out a beating for a unanimous win, four. Tommy Reid, referee.

Jimmy Ruoff, 175, Shillington, proved too strong for gritty Bob Saxton (a/k/a "Charlie Johnson"), 168½, N. Philadelphia. Bob put up a game effort in front of hometown fans, but was fought to a standstill and TKO'd on the ropes at 2:24 of the third round in the scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Justo Garcia, 155, N. Philadelphia, TKO'd Malik Muhammad (a/k/a "Jack Savage"), 158, N. Philadelphia, on a vicious eye cut after one round of another scheduled four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

In the exhibition, an uncharacteristically lively affair, Matthew Saad Muhammad was dropped by Jesse Goodmond, despite a wraparound headguard, Saad may have been discouraged from making a rumored comeback.

Attendance—300. Gross—$2,800 (est.).
Timekeeper—J. P. Mina.
Announcer—Hank Kropinski.
(05-03-85)

►**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle**—Self-managed, and controversial, Mike Tinley skirted a binding offer from Bob Arum, and tested the waters with promoter Joe Hand. The promoter gave Mike an audition on a club show, and he responded well. Tinley, 157½, Camden, N.J., looked sharp belting out sacrifice Toby Smith, 160, Portsmouth, Va., at 2:36 of the second in a scheduled 10. The slippery Smith tried survival tactics, but Tinley switched to the body to freeze him in his tracks, then felled him with a combo to the head. Tommy Reid, referee.

Chris Guest, 157, N.E. Phila., was held to an upset majority draw by evasive Keith Todd, 158, Philadelphia, in a largely defensive contest, six. One vote to Guest. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Lonnie Adams, 151, Philadelphia, kayoed normally tough Ronnie Washington, 144½, Phila., who made a disgraceful splash on the canvas in 1:59 of the first round in a scheduled six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

John France, 157½, Kensington, pounded ill-trained Johnny Miller, 148, Franklinville, N.J., for a majority win in a wild four. Tommy Reid, referee.

Alvin (Sonny) Cushion, 150, Camden, kept up a relentless attack to drop and TKO Jeff Brady, 151, Philadelphia, at 2:11 of the first round in their scheduled four. Tommy Reid, ref.

Matchmaker—Gary Hegyi.
Attendance—250. Gross—$2,500 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Carol Polis, Joe O'Neil.
Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.
Announcer—Guy DeStefano.
(05-09-85)

►**READING—The Silo**—In the wake of the parking lot free-for-all after their last show, the promoters shifted locations to a nitery outside the city. The card was good, and the fans tame, but both the receipts and the main event result were not encouraging, leaving the once-promising revival of boxing here sadly up in the air.

In the top bout, a scheduled eight, local hero Marlon Palmer, 151½, Pottstown, didn't get the benefit of any set-up matchmaking, and was belted out by Lamont Haithcoach, 154, Newark. The aggressive Palmer threw more, but Lamont just hit too hard. Marlon's left eye was closing in the second, he was blasted to the canvas out of a vicious exchange in the fourth, he had the right eye badly gashed and was in trouble in the fifth, and was unable to continue into the sixth. Mike Mittman, referee.

Southpaw Gustavo Lopez, 131, Lancaster, appeared to outhustle slickster Mike Brown (the prelim kid, not the veteran), 132, Philadelphia, in a bristling six. The botched decision was first announced as a win for Brown, then corrected to a majority draw when it was found judge Cross' card had been incorrectly added. Mike Mittman, referee.

Tough-luck loser Jose Espada, 123, Reading, finally got a break, leading, then stopping Angelo Talley, 123, Philadelphia, on a cut-eye TKO after two rounds of a scheduled four. Tony Wolfe, referee.

Jimmy Ruoff, 175, Shillington, TKO'd "Unknown Stiff I" (billed as "Dwight Harris," out of Washington, Pa.), 168, who scored a surprise knockdown starting the first, then was dropped twice himself in that round before being stopped covering up on his feet at 0:51 of the second in a scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Steve Mistretta, 129, Palmerton, kayoed "Unknown Stiff II" (billed as "Charles Robinson"), 133, Philadelphia, who could fight but didn't choose to, and went down in 2:33 of the first round in their scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, ref.

And in a classic matchup of two stiffs, Wyatt Simkins, 146, Philadelphia, faced Maurice Young, "145," Phila., in a scheduled four. Young was billed as "Jasper Baxley," but no such person exists. It is merely a name used by any available opponent. Young went on the attack, but was dropped by a counter ending the first. He seemed to want no more of this in the second, and headed quickly to the floor, twice, for a TKO at 1:35. Wolfe refereed.

Promoters—Mark Konrath & Rich Ormsbee (K. & O. Boxing).
Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.
Attendance—300. Gross—$3,500 (est.).
Judges—Lynne Carter, Tommy Cross, Bob LaGuardia.
Timekeeper—Carl Hutchins.
Announcer—Joe McHugh.
(05-14-85)

►**CHADDS FORD—Brandywine Club**—Club hero, and hot prospect to boot, Henry Milligan, took a step up in opposition, but didn't seem to notice. Henry, 185, Wilmington, demolished Alex Stanley, 186, Baltimore, with the same seeming ease as he had dispatched previous victims. Stanley looked the picture of physical fitness, but that didn't help him against Henry's power. Milligan smoked his body, then fired a clubbing right to the head that dropped Alex for a TKO at 1:10 of the first round in a scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

"Pinky Sixguns" Gordon, 156½, Wilmington, upset John France, 159, Kensington, by unanimous decision in a close bristling six. Gordon, as usual, started fast, dropping France in the first, then tired and had to withstand a stretch drive by John. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Steve Sheeran, 163, Upper Darby, pounded survivor Juan Alicia, 162, Trenton, for a unanimous win, four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Amateur standout Jose Neris, 112, Atlantic City, debuted with a good win over hard-luck Lawrence Cheatham, 110, Philadelphia, via a unanimous decision, four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Strong slugger John Caroselli, 169, Royersford, Pa., debuted and easily kayoed southpaw Norman Boyce, 167, S. Phila., in 0:39 of the first round in a scheduled four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Steve Johnson, 154, Phila., returned after an absence with a unanimous win over reluctant Earl Rowell, 150½, Ocean City, N.J., in a mauling four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Promoters—Raymond and Charlie Messina.
Matchmaker—Pat Duffy.
Attendance—600. Gross—$6,000 (est.).
Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Carol Polis, Harold Lederman.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Ray Messina.
(05-15-85)

►**ALLENTOWN—Holiday Inn West**—Local favorite Mike Mohn had his vacant state cruiser title bout with Broderick Mason fall out when Mason decided to retire. Don Elbaum, who had Mohn scheduled against Terry Armstrong on his own Tropicana card, "loaned" the bout, and rescued the card. Mohn, 193½, Shillington, went on to win a unanimous verdict over Armstrong, 207, Cincinnatti, in a dullish 10. Though Elbaum denied exerting any influence over Armstrong, the loser appeared too grateful to hurt the local lad. After shaking Mohn in the fourth, he got himself into trouble walking into counters, then wanted to quit and had to be exhorted by his trainer between rounds. Armstrong went into a sleepwalk after that, with Mike pounding him near the end. As the loser was not a state resident, Mohn was awarded the title by default. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

Randy Richardson, 132½, Youngstown, boxed smartly, then got out of trouble in the last round to upset A.D. Wiggins, 135, Allentown, via a unanimous verdict in a good six. Tony Wolfe refereed.

Juan Ward, 156½, Allentown, scored a unanimous win over Steve Johnson, 156, Philadelphia, six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Arthur (Breeze) Baylis, 170, Allentown, dropped and TKO'd Greg Haley, 167, Mont Clare, in a brief but explosive battle at 2:57 of the first round in a scheduled four. Charlie Sgrillo, ref.

Jimmy Ruoff, 177, Shillington, kayoed "Unknown Stiff I" (apparently the same guy he kayoed in Reading, but now billed as "Tim Davenport"), 168½, Philadelphia, in 1:58 of the first round in a scheduled four. Wolfe refereed.

"Dig 'Em Up" Doug Davis, 163, Bethlehem, returned and TKO'd "Vincent McBride" (another questionable billing), 161, Phila., with three knockdowns, at 1:25 of round two in their scheduled four. Wolfe refereed.

Promoter—John Florio (Four Corner Promotions).
Matchmakers—Don Elbaum, Ken Hissner.
Attendance—400. Gross—$5,500 (est.).
Judges—Al Morris, Gus Daniels, Bob LaGuardia.
Timekeeper—Tony Stenza.
Announcer—Joe McHugh.
(05-31-85)

**J.R. JOWETT**

*Texan James Pipps recently scored the best win of his career with a 10-round majority decision over James (Sweet Baby) Manning.*

## TEXAS

►**HOUSTON**—James Pipps, 121½, Vidor, Texas, won a majority decision over James (Sweet Baby) Manning, also 121½, Portland, Oregon, 10.

David Gauvin, 116½, TKO'd fellow Texan Temo Villanueva, 118¾, at 0:19 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Orlando Canizales, 115, Texas, TKO'd Mexican national Nelson Garcia, 117, at 2:10 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Donald Caples, 126¼, won a unanimous decision over fellow Texan Carlos Garcia, 127, six.

Joe Garcia, 145, Texas, TKO'd Roy Ardoin, 145¾, Louisiana, at 0:36 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder.

Sherman Griffin, 177, Texas, won a unanimous decision over James Washington, 178½, Texas, four.

Ricky Stoner, 139, Texas, TKO'd Joe Chavarria, 137¼, Texas, at 1:33 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Referees—B. Yeats, Chris Jordan.
Judges—R. Auld, D. McCullough, J. Sanchez.
Timekeepers—T. Ferris, B. Martin.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Andrews, Dr. Bransford.
Houston Boxing Association.
(05-09-85)

►**TYLER—Oil Palace**—Former world junior lightweight champion Roger Mayweather, 130, won the USBA title by knocking out defending title holder Kenny Baysmore, also 130, Washington, D.C., with a right in 1:28 of the third round in a scheduled 12. Spider Bynum, referee. Mayweather is now 21-2 with 15 knockouts. Baysmore is 20-1 with 18 kayoes.

Marvin Ray Jones, 150½, Tyler, TKO'd Rick Avendano, also 150½, Harlingen, Texas, at 2:41 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Olympic heavyweight gold medalist Henry Tillman, 204, TKO'd John Williams, Texas, at 0:57 of the first round in a scheduled six.

George Graham, 197, TKO'd fellow Texan Issac Anderson, 222, at 2:32 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Everett Martin, 185½, Houston, won a unanimous decision over southpaw Jesse Shelby, 187, Forth Worth, six.

Phil Jones, 154, won a unanimous decision over fellow Texan David Franklin, 157½, four.

Referees—A.D. (Spider) Bynum, Dick Cole.
Judges—L. Joubert, D. McCullough, B. Yeates.
Timekeepers—T. Ferris, T. Sechelski.
Physicians—Dr. Bransford, Dr. Marr.
Tonn/Ringside Promotions.
Gross—$19,402.00.
(05-12-85)

►**BEAMONT**—Former USBA middleweight champion Wilford Scypion, 161, won a unanimous decision over Tyler Dupuy, Louisiana, eight.

Mike (Gilley Boy) Phelps, 115, Lumberton, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Jesus Portillo, 113½, Mexico, eight. This was Mike's first eight; he's still unbeaten.

Joe Pipps, 146, Houston, TKO'd Louisiana's Ronald Paige, 142, at 1:21 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Steve Eisenbarth, 230, TKO'd fellow Texan Joe Donato, 213, at 1:11 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Robin Strong, 136½, Louisiana, TKO'd Ramon Perez,

## CANADIAN RATINGS
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**(As of June 10, 1985)**

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Halifax)
1. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
2. Razor Ruddock (Toronto)
3. Cedric Parsons (Halifax)
4. Jimmy Gradson (Toronto)
5. Young Dempsey (Vancouver)
6. Alex Williamson (Toronto)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Don LaLonde (Winnipeg)
1. Willie Featherstone (Toronto)
2. Eddie Melo (Toronto)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Michael Olajide, Jr. (Vancouver)
1. Matthew Hilton (Montreal)
2. Deano Clavet (LaSalle)
3. Danny Vandal (Winnipeg)
4. Wayne Caplette (Winnipeg)
5. Jacques LeBlanc (Memramcook)
6. Marcel Gobeil (Dartmouth)
7. Les Wisniewski (Calgary)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ricky Anderson (Halifax)
1. Donny Poole (Toronto)
2. Jamie Ollenberger (Vancouver)
3. Denis Sigouin (Hull)
4. Guerrero Chavez (Montreal)
5. Laurie Mann (Prince George)
6. John Herbert (Vancouver)
7. Marlon Wright (Montreal)
8. Sonny Wicks (Dartmouth)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Remo DiCarlo (Toronto)
1. Peter Cunningham (Edmonton)
2. Pierre Huneault (Hull)
3. Mario Cusson (Montreal)
4. Dan Pruden (Winnipeg)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tony Pep (Vancouver)
1. Nedrae Simons (Toronto)
2. Pasquale Procopio (Montreal)

139, Texas, at 1:01 of the third round in another scheduled six.
Referees—R. Gonzales, B. Yeates.
Judges—H. Hernandez, R. Martin, E. Sanchez.
Timekeepers—T. Ferris, F. Martinez.
Ringside Physician—Dr. M. Sprott.
Promoter—P. Norville. Gross—$5,397.50.
(05-14-85)

►**FORTH WORTH—Super Pro Gym**—Freddie Guzman, 180, Fort Worth, knocked out Terrance Walker, 177, Houston, in 2:57 of the second round in a scheduled six. Ronald Walters, referee.

Andre McCall, 148, Houston, TKO'd Ron (The Animal) Johnson, 147, at 1:35 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Gary Read, 195, TKO'd Kurt Kinard, 187, at 0:39 of the third round in a scheduled four.

Domingo Amalla, 124, and Troy Lair, 125¼, drew, four.

Gordon Cox, 174, TKO'd Ronald Martin, 174½, at 2:59 of the first round in their scheduled four.
Referees—Walters, Dick Cole, Jack Woodruff.
Third Judge—Louis Marks, Sr.
Timekeepers—B. Ballew, R. McFarland.
Ringside Physician—Dr. James Marr.
Ten-Count Promotions. Gross—$1,137.00.
(05-14-85)

►**CORPUS CHRISTI**—Roberto Elizondo, Corpus Christi, won a unanimous decision over Sergio Aguirre, also 137, Mexico, 10.

Former amateur star Jesse Benavides, 121½, TKO'd Rogelio Leanos, 121¼, at 0:10 of round seven in a scheduled eight.

Delio Palacios, 130¼, Fort Worth, won a unanimous decision over Rudy Rodriguez, 129, Laredo, Texas, eight.

Eddie Rangel, 119½, TKO'd fellow Texan Eddie Leanos, 124, at 2:05 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Pablo Ayala, 122, TKO'd Roland Hinojosa, 123, at 2:31 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Roland Gomez, 117, TKO'd Jorge Fuentes, 116, at 2:14 of the second round in a scheduled four.
Referees—H. Barrera, J. Garza.
Judges—J. Whitley, R. Silvas.
Timekeeper—R. Rivera.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Garcia.
Promoter—Luis Valdez. Gross—$17,951.
(05-21-85)

►**FORT WORTH—Super Pro Gym**—Steve Cruz, 128¾, Fort Worth, TKO'd Jerome Brooks, 129½, New Orleans, at 0:10 of the third round in the scheduled eight-round main event.

Rogelio Lopez, Fort Worth, won a majority decision over Derwin Richards, Houston, six.

Four-rounders: Willie Hickman, 163½, TKO'd Khaled Shehadeh, 162½, at 2:24 of the second. Gilbert Vera, 220, kayoed Verlee Price, 212, in 1:20 of the first round. Stephon Lee, 160, knocked out Lee Mansaw, in 2:22 of the second. Pablo Valdez, 147, TKO'd Gilbert Guerra, 148½, at 1:52 of the second.
Referees—Steve Crosson, Dick Cole.
Judges—Spider Bynum, J. Woodruff, R. Walters.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Marr, Dr. Gardner.
Ten-Count Promotions. Gross—$1,939.
(05-28-85)

►**FORT WORTH—Super Pro Gym**—Texas State light heavyweight champion Jay Strickland, 175, Fort Worth, TKO'd Dwayne Muniz, 181, Denver, Colo., at 1:50 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Dick Cole, referee.

Gordon Cox, 173, TKO'd fellow Texan John Rice, 174, at 0:10 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Cox is still unbeaten.

Sam Huston, 159, knocked out Stephon Lee, 160, with a right uppercut in 1:49 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Two-time Texas State amateur lightweight champion Lupe Miranda, 131, made his pro debut by stopping Troy Handy, 132, at 1:45 of round two in a scheduled four. Referee Ronnie Walters stopped the contest.

Former NABF bantamweight champion Harold Petty boxed a two-round exhibition with Darren Neal. Petty is now ranked ninth by the WBC.
Officials—Dick Cole, Ronnie Walters, Spider Bynum, Steve Crosson, Jack Woodruff.
Timekeepers—R.C. Ballew, R.H. Ballew.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. James Marr, Dr. W. Gardner.
Ten-Count Promotions. Gross—$1,673.
(06-11-85)

**WAYNE M. ANDERSON**

## CANADA

### ONTARIO

►**TORONTO—George Bell Arena**—Willie Featherstone warmed up for a scheduled crack at the Canadian light heavyweight throne by stopping Tim Long, Akron, after three. A very poor main event.

Ricky Burke, Toronto, stopped Joe Senegal, Detroit, with two knockdowns in the second round, lightweights. Harry Davis, referee.

Palo Greco, Toronto, halted Wayne Dobbin, Toronto, at 1:22 of the first round, middles.

Mario Carella, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Mike Fournier, Detroit, four. Fournier was knocked down twice.
Referees—Harry Davis, Lionel Sullivan.
Judges—J. Silvers, Frank Bullard, R. Hipolito.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, F. Shillolo.
Ringside Physicians—A. Murray, A. Hacker.
(05-31-85)

►**HAMILTON—McMaster University Gymnasium**—Shawn O'Sullivan, 148, Toronto, knocked out Junie Nash, 149, Philadelphia, with a right hand to the jaw in 1:47 of round six. Chuck Williams, referee.

Tony Morrison, 177½, Toronto, won a split decision over Miguel Figueroa, 177, Detroit, six.

Terry Francis, 162½, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Bobby Green, 165, Dunville, six.

Brad Jefferies, 130, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Brent Schroder, 132¼, Sudbury, six.

Terry Albert, 142, London, halted Robbie Roe, 143, Toronto, at the end of round three after dropping him for eight in the initial frame.

Bill Ranelli, 121, won a unanimous decision over Chico Hernandez, 125, Toronto, four.

Rick Fortuna, 125, Niagara Falls, outpointed Rick Ranelli, 123, Sudbury, four.
Referees—Chuck Williams, Ed. Gaudet, L. Sullivan.
Judges—B. Cormier, F. Bullard, S. Luftspring.
Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillilo.
Ring Announcer—Tony Unitas.
Ringside Physicians—D.A. Murray, Dr. A. Hacker.
Promoter—Dan Doyle (K.O., Inc.).
Attendance—2,000 (estimated).

### QUEBEC

►**MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Centre**—Eddie Melo, 173½, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Jean Wilson, 170½, Sorel, Quebec, eight. No knockdowns in a hard fought bout. Tony Crivello, referee.

Ian Clyde, Montreal, 116, won a split decision over James Tolliver, 115¼, Cleveland, eight. Richard Doutre, referee.

Richard Gagnon, 154, Hull, Quebec, won a unanimous decision over Jacques Deblois, 152, LaSalle, Quebec, eight. Guy Jutras, referee.

Marlon Wright, 143½, Montreal, knocked out Bobby Jackett, 140, Pickering, Ontario, in 1:33 of the sixth and final round. Gerry Simpson, referee.

Pascual Procopio, 129¼, won a unanimous decision over Paul Graham, 129½, Gary, Ind., six. Richard Doutre, referee.

Pietro Napolitano, 137¼, won a unanimous decision over Andre Sigouin, 137, six. Guy Jutras, referee.
Judges—M. LaPointe, Lavallee, Mailhot, Theroux, Nadeau.
Timekeepers—O. Marchessault, N. Nichilo.
Ring Announcer—R. Rivest.
Ringside Physicians—P. Meunier, L. Leclerc.
Promoter—Henri Spitzer (H.F.S., Inc.).
Attendance—1,200.
(06-04-85)

►**NOTES**—Former Canadian lightweight champion Billy Townsend died in Vancouver, B.C., on May 12. Among the world ranked fighters Townsend met were Billy Petrolle, Tony Canzoneri, and Paulie Walker. He was indeed a credit to boxing, held in high esteem by his fellow citizens in Vancouver.

**FRANK ALLNUTT**

## CENTRAL AMERICA

### PANAMA

►**PANAMA CITY—Nuevo Panama Gymnasium**—Former WBC light flyweight champion Hilario Zapata, 113, won a unani-


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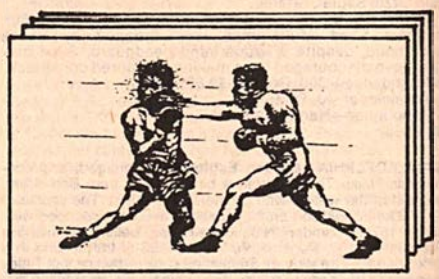

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mous decision over NABF title holder Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez, 112¾, Los Angeles, 10.

It was a dull and one-sided contest in which Zapata jabbed and hooked his way to victory. Referee Isaac Herrera scored it 99-94; the judges had it 100-96 and 100-94. The winner is supposed to get a title shot at WBA champ Santos Laciar.

Jose Chacon, 115½, won an upset majority decision over Julio Soto Solano, 115, Dominican Republic, 10.

Benito Badilla, 119, won a split duke over Edgar Roman, 119¼, Venezuela, 10. The shorter Badilla, a Chilean fighting out of Panama, won the bout with rushing tactics. It was the best contest on the program.

Up-and-coming Edgar Monserrat, 115¾, knocked out veteran Jose de la Cruz with a right to the jaw in 1:48 of the first session. Monserrat is now 9-1 with five kayoes.

Adalberto Acevedo, 114, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Badillo, 115, four.

Deudedith Murillo, 118, stopped Alonso Gonzalez, 118¼, at 2:08 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Panaprom Promotions.

▶**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Victor Cordova, 160¼, Panama, halted Colombian middleweight champion Ramon Matamba, 158½, at 1:30 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Roy Thompson, 109½, stopped Ruben Aguirre, also 109½, at 1:27 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Felipe Nino, 159¾, halted Felix Rivas, 158, who was unable to answer the bell for the fourth and final round. Silvio Largacha, 111, stopped Francisco Varca, 110, at 0:30 of the fourth and final session. Luis Chanis, 108, outpointed Luis M. Perez, also 108. Manuel Arrieta, 127½, outscored Ricardo Moody, 126¼.

(03-05-85)

▶**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Southpaw Rodolfo Aguilar, 132¼, TKO'd Antonio Ramirez, 131½, Dominican Republic, at 1:22 of the fourth round in a slated 10. Referee Julio Cesar Alvarado stopped the contest after Ramirez had been floored twice in the frame. He had also been decked in round three.

Aguilar, the WBA's eighth ranked junior lightweight, is now 12-1. Ramirez is 21-1-4.

Eduardo (Chita Ruiz) Rodriguez, 148½, TKO'd Fernando Alban, 145½, Colombia, at 1:06 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Carlos Berrocal, referee.

Antonio Perez, 141, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Felix Perez, 142, Dominican Republic, six. Perez is now 4-0-3.

Four-rounders: Daniel Delgado, 118¾, outscored Deudedith Murillo, 119. Luis Chanis (3-0), 109¼, halted debutant Simon Pinto, 107¾, at 2:06 of the second.

(04-27-85)

▶**COLON—Panama Al Brown Gymnasium**—Jose Meneses halted Dominican Radames Bido in the third round of a slated 10. Meneses, the WBA's seventh ranked junior featherweight, is now 13-0-1.

Ernesto Ford outscored Gilberto Barcenas, six, junior bantamweights. Ford is now 5-0 with four kayoes.

Four-rounders: Mario Moreno halted Carlos Brown in the third, junior welters. Marcos Smith stopped Jorge Allen in the third frame, junior lightweights. Joaquin Betagon TKO'd Cesar Ruedas in the second, bantams.

(04-27-85)

▶**PANAMA CITY—Nuevo Panama Gymnasium**—Panamanian junior lightweight champion Francisco (Rocky) Fernandez, 127½, knocked out Bernardo Checa, also 127½, the WBA's fifth ranked featherweight, in the second round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout at 128 pounds. Julio Cesar Alvarado, referee.

Fernandez is now 19-10 with 15 kayoes. All of his losses were as a featherweight.

Edgar Monserrat, 116, TKO'd veteran Pedro Romero, 116¼, who was unable to answer the bell for the eighth round of their slated 10. Isaac Herrara, referee. Monserrat, a southpaw, is now 10-1.

Eduardo Tunon, 108, halted Rafael Rivas, 107½, Dominican Republic, at 2:36 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Mario Moreno, 139½, stopped Marvin Delgado, 140½, Costa Rica, at 2:52 of the first round in their slated six. Moreno is now 4-0.

Four-rounders: Hector Aranda, 125½, went to 3-0 with a majority decision over debuting Juan B. Torres, 123½. Egmidio Ona, 119½, Ecuador, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over fellow debutant Omar Benitez, 119.

(05-18-85)

▶**PANAMA CITY—Neco de la Guardia Gymnasium**—Rodolfo Aguilar, 134, TKO'd Jose (Sugar) Williams, 132, at 1:39 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Eliezer Perez, referee. Aguilar, 20, is now 14-0.

Jose Meneses, 121, TKO'd Panamanian and Latin American junior featherweight champion Marcelo Beckford, 121¼, at 1:30 of the second in their scheduled 10-round non-title bout. Isaac Herrera, referee. Meneses, 21, is now 14-0-1. The draw was against Beckford.

Rafael Williams, 138, stopped Venezuelan Pedro Torres, 136½, at 1:31 of the sixth round in another slated 10. Julio Cesar Alvarado, referee.

Ernesto Ford won a unanimous decision over Fabrice Benichore, six. Ford, a bantamweight, is now 6-0.

Four-rounders: Mario Moreno and Leonardo Solis drew, lightweights. Luis Chanis (4-0) stopped Jose Guerra at 2:45 of the first round, junior flyweights. Hector Aranda (4-0) won a split decision over Manuel Arrieta, junior lightweights. Joaquin Betegon won a split duke over Edigmio Ona, Ecuador, junior feathers.

Attendance—1,583. Gross—$7,580.

(06-15-85)

**JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET**

# CONTINENTAL AMERICAS RATINGS
# BY THE WBC CONTINENTAL AMERICAS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE
## (As of June 20, 1985)

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Michael Dokes (U.S.)
1. Tim Witherspoon (U.S.)
2. Jose Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
3. Luis Lozano (Panama)
4. Jose Ribalta (Cuba)
5. Jeff Sims (U.S.)
6. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
7. Carl Williams (U.S.)
8. Eddie Gregg (U.S.)
9. James Smith (U.S.)
10. Larry Alexander (U.S.)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
2. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
3. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
4. Dorsey Gaymon (U.S.)
5. Dennis Jackson (Puerto Rico)
6. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
7. Hector Rohr (Argentina)
8. Ibi Zimmerman (Curacao)
9. Willie Featherstone (Canada)
10. Omar Perez (Nicaragua)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
1. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
2. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
3. Eddie Davis (U.S.)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
5. Bobby Jennings (U.S.)
6. Oscar Rivadeneyra (Peru)
7. Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
8. Don LaLonde (Canada)
9. Clarismundo Silva (Brazil)
10. Jose Flores (Uruguay)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
1. James Shuler (U.S.)
2. Dwight Davison (U.S.)
3. Carlos Betancourt (Puerto Rico)
4. Don Lee (U.S.)
5. Alex Hilton (Canada)
6. Michael Olajide, Jr. (Canada)
7. Esteban Pizzaro (Puerto Rico)
8. Victor Robledo (Argentina)
9. Carlos Antunes (Brazil)
10. Iran Barkley (U.S.)

**SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
1. Buster Drayton (U.S.)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. Mark Medal (Puerto Rico)
4. Pedro Lavalle (Peru)
5. Dunio Mercado (Ecuador)
6. Rafael Corona (Mexico)
7. Fernando Santos (Brazil)
8. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
9. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
10. Troy Darrell (U.S.)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
David Hilton (Canada)
1. Pablo Baez (Dominican Rep.)
2. Carlos Trujillo (Panama)
3. Eduardo Rodriguez (Panama)
4. Al Santana (U.S.)
5. Ricky Anderson (Canada)
6. Pedro Vilella (Puerto Rico)
7. Dennis Horne (U.S.)
8. Enrique Sallago (Argentina)
9. Fernando Castro (Peru)
10. Ernest Curtis (U.S.)

**SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Darryl Fuller (U.S.)
1. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
2. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
3. Saul Julio (Colombia)
4. Kel Robin (U.S.)
5. Lorenzo Garcia (Argentina)
6. Ubaldo Sacco (Argentina)
7. Juan Cruces (Chile)
8. Aquilino Asprilla (Panama)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
10. Ricky Young (U.S.)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
2. Melvin Paul (U.S.)
3. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
4. Ezequiel Mosquera (Panama)
5. Jesus Romero (Argentina)
6. Orlando Romero (Peru)
7. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
8. Adolfo Medel (Chile)
9. Peter Cunningham (Canada)
10. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

**SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Rosendo Alonso (Mexico)
1. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
2. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
3. Francisco Tomas Cruz (Brazil)
4. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
5. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
6. Marcel Montana (Colombia)
7. Roger Mayweather (U.S.)
8. Benji Marquez (U.S.)
9. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
10. Ruben Guzman (Colombia)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Juvenal Ordenes (Chile)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Tony Pep (Canada)
3. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
4. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
5. Fernando Sosa (Argentina)
6. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
7. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
8. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
9. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
10. Danilo Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)

**SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
2. Louie Espinosa (U.S.)
3. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
4. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
6. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
7. Jesus Flores (Venezuela)
8. Jose Meneses (Colombia)
9. Ruben Palacios (Colombia)
10. Andres Tena (U.S.)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Freddie Jackson (U.S.)
1. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
2. Gaby Canizales (U.S.)
3. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
4. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
5. Jerome Coffee (U.S.)
6. Azael Moran (Panama)
7. Javier Avila (Mexico)
8. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
9. Benito Badilla (Chile)
10. Ray Minus (Bahamas)

**SUPER FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
1. Rafael Orono (Venezuela)
2. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
3. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
4. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
5. Julio Soto Solano (Dom. Rep.)
6. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
8. Jose Chacon (Panama)
9. Juan Polo Perez (Colombia)
10. Toribio Riasco (Colombia)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Cesar Polanco (Dom. Rep.)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
3. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
4. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
5. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
6. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
7. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (U.S.)
8. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
9. Paulo Ribeiro (Brazil)
10. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)

**LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
4. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
5. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
6. Hermogenes Murillo (Panama)
7. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
8. Francisco Quiroz (Dom. Rep.)
9. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
10. Luis Beltran (Chile)

# EUROPE

## BELGIUM

▶**ROTHEUX-RIMIERE-NEUPRE**—Romain Mianzuela outscored Hugues Samo of France, eight. Mianzuela, a 23-year-old light middleweight, is now 25-0-2.

Jimmy Gourad outpointed Rene Dere, six, light middles.

Mohamed Bouziani outscored Rafael Salamone, six, light middles.

Luigi Ricci outpointed Mike McCoy, six, light heavies.

(04-13-85)

▶**MOLENBEEK**—Heavyweight Al Syben returned to action with a points win over Britain's Steve Gee, eight.

Bachir Chaarane kayoed Rene Dere in three, light middles.

(05-01-85)

▶**TRAZEGNIES**—Three six-round welterweight contests made up the program.

Gino Degraeve outscored Gilles Lefebre.

Alain Hayoit outpointed Alain Coguez.

Hughes Bosser and Abdel Karrimalha drew.

(05-03-85)

▶**BROECHEM**—Andre Blanco outscored Haidar Nourredine, six, lightweights.

(05-10-85)

## FINLAND

▶**VASA**—Tarmo Uusivirta outscored Paul Tchoue, eight, middles.

Kenyan light heavyweight Patrick Lumumba kayoed Winston Bennett in round two.

Tauno Lohtander won a split decision over Tony Dunlop, six, lightweights.

(05-10-85)

## FRANCE

▶**PARIS**—Jean-Paul Roux won a French light middle novice competition by outpointing Akim Zeroual, six.

(04-15-85)

## EUROPEAN RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Anders Eklund (Sweden)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Steffen Tangstad (Norway)
3. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
4. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
5. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
6. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
7. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
8. Guido Trane (Italy)
9. Noel Quarless (Great Britain)
10. Charley Graf (Germany)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Alex Blanchard (Holland)
1. Jean-Marie Emebe (France)
2. Richard Caramanolis (France)
3. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
4. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
5. Rufino Angulo (France)
6. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
7. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
8. Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)
9. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
10. Enrico Scacchia (Switzerland)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
4. Ayub Kalule (Denmark)
5. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
6. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
7. Frank Winterstein (France)
8. Andre Mongelema (France)
9. Giovanni DeMarco (Italy)
10. Gaetano Ardito (Italy)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Georg Steinherr (Germany)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
4. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
5. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
6. Said Skouma (France)
7. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
8. Germain LeMaitre (France)
9. Emilio Sole (Spain)
10. Giuseppe Leto (Italy)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
3. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
4. Nino LaRocca (Italy)
5. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Jose Varela (Germany)
8. Brahim Messaoud (France)
9. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
10. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)
4. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
5. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
6. Tek Nkalankete (France)
7. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
8. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
9. Giovanni Carrino (Italy)
10. Tony Vivarelli (France)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Rene Weller (Germany)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (GGreat Britain)
2. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
3. Sebastiano Sotgia (Italy)
4. Lucio Cusma (Italy)
5. Frederic Geoffroy (France)
6. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
7. Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
8. Giuseppe Tidu (Italy)
9. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
10. Antoine Curti (France)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
2. Marco Gallo (Italy)
3. Daniel Londas (France)
4. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
5. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
6. Michel Siracusa (France)
7. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
8. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)
9. Vicente Jorge (Spain)
10. Salvatore Curcetti (Italy)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
3. Valerio Nati (Italy)
4. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
5. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
6. Kamel Djadda (France)
7. Farid Gallouze (France)
8. Sepp Iten (Switzerland)
9. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
10. Vincenzo Limatola (Italy)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ciro De Leva (Italy)
1. Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
2. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
3. John Feeney (Great Britain)
4. John Farrell (Great Britain)
5. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
6. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
7. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
8. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
9. Maurizio Lupino (Italy)
10. Jose I. Antunez (Spain)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
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Franco Cherchi (Italy)
1. Antoine Montero (France)
2. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
3. Giampiero Pinna (Italy)
4. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
5. Alain Limarol (France)
6. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)
7. Mario Bitetto (Italy)
8. Umberto Morri (Italy)
9. Gary Roberts (Great Britain)
10. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)

**▶EAUBONNE**—In a tournament for middleweight novices, Olivier Gervais outpointed Herve Duchene, Jean-Jacques Francisque outscored Denis Gigandet, Stephane Arnone outpointed Jose Bastient, and Klayina Awouitoh outscored Justin M'Foudi. All bouts were six-rounders.
(04-19-85)

**▶ST. MALO**—Heavyweight Anaclet Wamba outscored Dave Garside, England, eight.

Pascual Lorcy won a welter novice tourney by outpointing Franck Laviso, six.

Alphonse Matoubella outscored Michel Moukory, eight, middles.

Gilles Blandin outpointed veteran Carlos Foldes, six, welters.

Michel Martin outscored Marcel Denis, six, light welters.
(04-20-85)

**▶EAUBONNE**—Klayina Awouitoh outpointed Jean-Jacques Francisque, six, and Olivier Gervais kayoed Stephane Arnone in the first round in the semi-finals of the French national middleweight tournament.
(04-25-85)

**▶THIONVILLE**—French heavyweight champion Dominique Nato won a close decision over John Westgarth, eight.

Junior lightweight title holder Daniel Londas stopped Steve Griffiths in round eight.
(04-26-85)

**▶EAUBONNE**—Olivier Gervais won the middleweight tourney by outpointing Klayina Awouitoh, six.
(05-03-85)

**▶TOULON**—Marc Ruocco outpointed game Spanish light middleweight champion Alfonso Redondo, eight. Redondo suffered cuts and was down twice. Ruocco bled from a gash on the forehead. The 22-year-old Frenchman is now 19-0 with kayoes.

Jose Rosemain moved up to light heavy and outpointed Ahcene Reffas, eight.
(05-03-85)

**▶GRENOBLE**—Santos Laciar retained his WBA flyweight title by outpointing tough French southpaw Antoine Montero, 15.

The brilliant champ outboxed Montero in the early rounds and then held off the Frenchman's strong late rally.

French junior lightweight champion Daniel Londas outscored Carlos Laciar (Santos' brother), 10. Londas is now 32-4.

Jean Marie Emebe, now a French citizen, stopped Jose Seys of Belgium in round three, light heavies.

Middleweight Pierre Frank Winterstein kayoed Doug James in three. The 25-year-old Winterstein is now 34-1-1 with 27 kayoes.
(05-06-85)

**ERIC ARMIT**

## GERMANY

**▶RUSSELSHEIM—Walter Kobel Hall**—Spanish-born Jose Varela, 146¼, won the German welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Tony Habermayer, 146½, 10.

Scoring: referee Georg Grabarz, 99-96; judge Kurt Stroer, 100-95; judge Siegfried Hahn, 100-98. Former world light welterweight contender Juan Jose Gimenez trained Varela for this bout.

Ace Rusewski TKO'd Raphael Salamone, 146¾, at 1:45 of round five. Rusewski, a 1976 Olympic lightweight bronze medalist, is now 18-1 as a professional. He won 360 of 410 amateur bouts.

Mbayo Wa Mbayo, 152, outpointed German light middleweight champion Erwin Heiber, 151½, eight. A right to the jaw decked Mbayo for an eight-count in round three.

Claus Parge, 215, and Harald Edel, 192½, drew, six.

Light welterweight Konrad Mitternmeier made his professional debut by outscoring Georg Vlaches, four. Vlachos, a bronze medalist in the European championships, was making his second pro start.

Promoters—Herr, Kessler, Graf.
(01-18-85)

**▶DORTMUND—Westfalen Hall**—Georg Steinherr retained his European light middleweight crown with a unanimous decision over Spain's Emilio Sole-Ruiz, 12.

Despite suffering an injured rib in the fifth round, Steinherr was never in any danger of losing his title. Sole-Ruiz said it was no disgrace losing to such a good champion as Steinherr, and that he had learned more from this defeat than he had from his 15 wins. Steinherr said Sole-Ruiz was a tougher opponent than Jimmy Cable, the Britain from whom he had won the crown in September, 1983.

European lightweight champion Rene Weller, 132½, outscored Vicente Jorge, 133½, Spain, eight.

British Commonwealth cruiserweight champion Chisanda Mutti, 182½, outpointed Tom Collins, Great Britain, 10. Chisanda has lost only three of his 33 starts, and is undefeated in 15 bouts in Germany. He won the Commonwealth title from Britain's Stuart Lithgo on December 1, 1984.

Toni Habermayer, 144½, outscored Benelux light welterweight champion Antoon Verrips, 142¾, Netherlands, eight.

Louis Pergaud, 197, Cameroon, outscored Andrew Gerrard, 225, Great Britain, eight. This was Gerrard's sixth defeat in 19 starts.

Andreas Prox, 159¾, outpointed Claudio Bosio, 161, Italy, now based in Belgium, six.

Konny Mittermeier, 137, outscored Gerhard Finenig, 133¼, four.

The card was a financial disaster, drawing less than 2,000 in a venue that can seat 10,000. This is an industrial city, but thousands are walking the streets unemployed. Promoter Albert Lohmann offered tickets at cut rates, but this gesture did little to improve the gate, and some of the boxers were more frightened of losing their purse money than of losing to their opponents. Steinherr did little to sell himself to the public or the press when he failed to turn up at a press conference.
(03-30-85)

**▶FRANKFURT—Festhall**—Rene Weller, 134¾, retained his European lightweight crown by knocking out Frederic Geoffroy, 133½, France, in 2:42 of round 11 in a scheduled 12. Jean Deswert of Belgium refereed.

Graciano Rocchigiani, 163¼, outpointed Steve Johnson, 161¾, Great Britain, 10.

Damien Marignam, 216¾, France, outscored Reiner Hartmann, also 216¾, eight.

Konny Mittermeier, 136½, outscored Theo Hauser, 133, six.

Thomas Classen, 217, outpointed George Ajio, 209¼, Uganda, six.

Darko Cellinger, 157¾, Yugoslavia, stopped Harry Theodoss, 155¼, Greece, in five.

George Feeney, who lost a close call to Weller in October, 1984, was at ringside as the Germans' guest. He left for home $13,000 richer. The promoter, Wilfried Sauerland, presented him with a check for $2.500 and *Bundes Deutscher Berufsboxer* (BDB) president Peter Kohl handed over $1.250. The balance came from prominents at ringside. Feeney suffered a detached retina in the Weller bout, forcing a premature retirement from the game he loved. An expensive operation is necessary,a nd George will be pleased with this German contribution to help foot the bill.

The matchmaker for this card was Ebby Thust, who received a Golden Pin for his contribution to boxing in Germany.

Attendance—4,498.
(04-26-85)

**▶BAD HONNEF**—Josef Kossmann, 176½, outpointed Mladen Grubisic, 179¾, in the eight-round main event. Kossmann is the son-in-law of the promoter.

Hans Gimborn, 180¾, and Horst Schulze, 185¼, drew.

Wolfgang Manns outpointed Frank Czyzewski, four, welters.

Horst Schiele halted 39-year-old Kurt Oerter in the fourth round, cruisers.

Promoter—Helmut Slomke.

Attendance—250.
(05-04-85)

**▶BERLIN**—Manfred Jassmann, 174½, and Ralf Rocchigiani, 174, drew, 10, Jassmann retaining his German light heavyweight crown. Scoring: referee Sigi Hahn, 98-96. Rocchigiani; judge Werner Kasmir, 98-97, Jassmann; judge Artur Ellensohn, 97-97.

Sigi Kohler, 186, halted Hartmut Sasse, 216, in the fifth round on a cut eyebrow. This was Sasse's first fight in eight years. He held the German heavyweight title in 1974 and lost to South Africa's Gerrie Coetzee in 1976.

Brian Anderson, 164½, Great Britain, outscored Agamali Yilderim, 167½, eight. Best bout of the night. Anderson is a real favorite here in Germany, always having given the fans value for their money.

Vedat Akova, 185, stopped Theo Josephs, 177, Great Britain, on a broken nose in the fourth round.

Mike Wissenbach, 172, outpointed Wolfgang Lechner, 165, four. Wissenbach had been inactive for almost four years.

Nijasi Aytekin, 150½, outscored 18-year-old Erwin Schulz, 152, four.

Jurgen Broszeit, 148, halted Ali Pehlivan, 147¼, in round two.

Promoter—Klaus Speer.

Attendance—3,000 (capacity).
(05-10-85)

**▶MANNHEIM**—Charly Graf, 232, and Reiner Hartmann, 217, drew, 10, Graf retaining the German heavyweight title he had won from Hartmann on March 9. Referee Georg Grabarz scored the bout a draw, judge Halbach favored Graf, and judge Bibow voted for Hartmann.

Georg Vlachos, 129¾, won the vacant German junior lightweight crown by outpointing Theo Hauser, 130, 10. Kurt Halbach, referee. This was the best bout of the night, and promoter Willie Stein rewarded both fighters with bonuses of $166 as they came out for round eight.

European lightweight champion Rene Weller, 133½, outscored Kisiko Tiwizana, 135, Zaire, eight. Weller fought for peanuts.

Claus Parge, 210½, won a split decision over fellow German southpaw Siegried Kohler, 186, six.

Thomas Classen, 214, stopped Safir Traori Digibele, 185¼, in round five. Classen is now undefeated in 13 bouts.

Konny Mittermeier, 135½, outpointed Gerhard Finenig, 135¾, four.

Stanmirovich Mladen, 215, Yugoslavia, knocked out Alex Zeh, 193¾, Austria, in round one.

Attendance—3,000+.

(06-01-85)

**JACK A. TREE**

## ITALY

▶**CREMONA**—Marco Rinaldi halted Christian D'Helft on cuts in round five, middleweights.

Welterweight southpaw Angelo Liquori outscored Rafael Salamone.

Domenico Ricci stopped Osvaldo Bettini in two.

(03-08-85)

▶**MODENA**—Algerian Abdel Marbi halted former European lightweight champion Lucio Cusma in round six.

Francesco Tritto outscored Spanish veteran Isidoro Cabeza, eight, lightweights.

(03-15-85)

▶**PIEDIMONTE MATESE**—Unbeaten welterweight Pietro Ciarla beat Charles Ssali on a third round disqualification.

(03-16-85)

▶**SAN VITO**—Oronzo Oggiano and Engote drew, six, welters.

Terri Zamel kayoed Kabunda Kamanga, middleweights.

Asses Maghraoui outscored Giuseppe Cali, six, welters.

Salvatore Nardino outpointed Andre Ricci, eight, light welterweights.

Giovanni Carrino and Naifer Faical drew, eight, light welters.

(03-06-85)

▶**PARMA**—Yugoslavian Miodrag Perunoovic outscored Hassen Hamani, eight.

Unbeaten lightweight Salvatore Curcetti outscored Frenchman Francis Tripp, eight. Curcetti is now 9-0-1.

Calisto Bavaresco outpointed Nino Bolamba, six, middles. Bavaresco is now 18-1.

Rosario Casartelli halted Eloi De Souza on cuts in round four, light welters.

(03-22-85)

▶**VENEGONO SUPERIORE**—Ugandan George Ajio outscored former amateur star Alfredo Mason, six, heavies.

(03-23-85)

▶**SPOLTORE**—Luciano DiGiacomo outpointed Juan Alberto Barrera, six, light heavies.

Kalombo Mbyamba outscored Moba Salay, six, heavies.

(03-29-85)

▶**EMPOLI**—Pablo Castrovilli stopped Claudio Tanda, who retired with an injured hand in round five, bantams.

Gaetano Ardito outpointed French veteran Joel Bonnetaz, eight. Ardito is now 19-0.

Andrea Scardigli outscored Patrick Grisot, six, light middles.

(03-29-85)

▶**TERAMO**—Junior lightweight Antonio Renzo went to 8-0 with a decision over Nihat Er, six.

Maurizio DiRuggiero outpointed Oronzo Oggiano, six, light welters.

(03-29-85)

▶**TIRANO**—Roberto Manoni outscored Butangi Nzolameso, six, light middles.

(03-30-85)

▶**BOSCOTRECASE**—Renato Biagio Zurlo stopped Basila Lifetu in four, welters.

Light middleweight Gaetano Moretti outpointed Abdeliziz Khalid, six.

(04-05-85)

▶**CHIAVARI**—Marco Gallo retained his Italian junior lightweight crown by knocking out Giuseppe LaVite with a right in the fifth inning. The 29-year-old champion is now 27-8. LaVite is 24-2. He had never been knocked down before.

Pablo Agostinelli outpointed Sidi Troare, six, light middles.

Antonio Tassito halted Hassan Hammami in three, middleweights.

Heavyweight Steffan Vassallo went to 9-0 by stopping Antoine Gabe in five.

Museta Bingunia outscored Faical Naifer, eight, junior lightweights.

(04-12-85)

▶**FORLI**—Former European bantamweight champion Valerio Nati knocked out Julio Garcia with a right hand in the first.

Bel Kir Lofti outpointed Charles Ssali in six, light welters.

Giuseppe Ferracuti outscored Najib Brahim Ben, six, feathers.

(04-12-85)

▶**PADUA**—Marco Rinaldo halted Filip Seys in five, middles.

(04-12-85)

▶**REGGIO EMILIA**—Sergio Bossi outscored Leonzio Balestra, six, light heavies.

Nelson Trujillo outpointed Bruno Simili, six, lightweights.

Paolo Pesci outscored Patrick Grisot, six, light middles.

(04-19-85)

▶**PORTICI**—Eupremio Epifani retained his Italian welterweight title with a split (117-115, 117-116, 118-119) decision over former light middleweight champion Daniele Zappaterra, a southpaw. The 28-year-old Epifani is now 22-2-1.

Luigi DiLauro outscored Marco Lazzari in a seven-round bout, light heavies.

(04-19-85)

▶**CERIALE**—Maurizio Lupino won the vacant Italian bantamweight title by stopping Paolo Castrovilli on cuts in round six. Lupino is now 5-9-5.

Former Olympic super heavyweight Francesco Damiani halted Yugoslavia's Mikan Popovic in the sixth round.

Former Olympic heavyweight Angelo Musone stopped Luc Goossens in the first.

British heavyweight Adrian Elliot outscored Muyamba Kalombo, four.

Former Olympic welterweight Luciano Bruno halted Mannix Heytens in six. Bruno is now 5-0.

Efiso Galici outpointed Engote Ngindola N'Gote, four. Galici is 11-0.

(04-20-85)

▶**LUMEZZANE**—Flyweight prospect Roberto Cirelli outscored Jean Paul Guillard, six.

(04-20-85)

▶**TORE ANNUNZIATA**—Renato Biagio Zurlo stopped Mohamed Zeroual, welters.

(04-26-85)

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▶**AVELLINO**—World rated Venezuelan junior lightweight Edgar Castro halted Moussa Sangare in three.
Featherweight prospect Vincenzo Limatola stopped Vicente Fernandez in three. Limatola is now 7-0.
Bantamweight Vincenzo Belcastre outscored German Nunez, six.
Featherweight Carlo Quintana outpointed Jose Maria Ibanez, six.
(04-27-85)
▶**SENIGALLIA**—Junior lightweight Antonio Renzo halted Francis Tripp in round three.
Light heavyweight Cruciani Noe stopped Christian D'Helft on cuts in the first session.
Middleweight Flaviano Polinori halted Momo Cupelic in four.
(04-30-85)
▶**MESSINA**—Ciro De Leva retained his European bantamweight crown by halting former champion Walter Giorgetti in eight.
Museta Bingunia stopped Luis de la Sagra, Spain, in round two, featherweights.
Junior lightweight Salvatore Curcetti won on a disqualification over Mohamed Jofre II in six.
(05-02-85)
▶**FELTRE**—Former WBA junior featherweight champion Loris Stecca stopped Mike Huckaby in three.
Former Olympic bantamweight gold medalist Maurizio Stecca outpointed Dave Murden, six. Stecca is now fighting at 126.
Luciano Bruno stopped Roberto Dormoy in three, light middles.
Former Italian light heavyweight champion Walter Cevoli outscored Juan Alberto Barrera, eight.
(05-04-85)
▶**NAPLES**—Former European junior lightweight champion Alfredo Raininger outpointed Faical Naifer, eight. Raininger is now 30-4.
Luigi Di Lauro outscored Moba Salay, six, light heavies.
Rainondo Riccio stopped Dzavid Mahmutovic in three, light welters.
(05-04-85)
▶**VITERBO**—Marco Cipollino outpointed Vicente Jose Maria Castillo, six. Cipollino, a 22-year-old welter, is now 9-0-2.
Alessandro Nardi outscored Joe Sekisambu, eight, junior lightweights.
Sabiyala Diavilla outpointed Lomani Musungu, eight, light middles.
(05-04-85)
▶**FORLI**—Claudio Nitti and Giuseppe Tidu drew, six, junior lights. Nitti is now 11-1-1. Tidu is 23-0-2.
Omar Kader outpointed Gabriele Lazzari, eight, light heavies.
(05-07-85)
▶**GENOA**—Edgar Castro outpointed former Spanish lightweight champion Jose A. Garcia, eight.
Yawe Davis halted Eddy Vandenhouwele in the third, light heavies.
Fernando Blanco outpointed Salvatore Tronci, six, light middles.
(05-09-85)
▶**MEDICINA**—Venezuelan light welterweight Nelson Trujillo outscored Charles Ssali, eight.
Welterweight Paolo Pesci outscored Maghraoui Hassain, six.
(05-10-85)

## NETHERLANDS

▶**ROTTERDAM**—Four light middleweight bouts made up the bulk of the undercard to the Blanchard-Caramanolis draw.
Jan Lefeber outscored Filip Seys, eight.
Wim Thijssen outpointed Rafael Salmone, eight.
Gerry Sloof outpointed Alaoui Azziz, six.
Kid Taylor outscored Marnix Heytens, six.
Jimmy Gourad outpointed Jimmy Bartes in a six-round welterweight affair.
(05-06-85)

## SWITZERLAND

▶**LUGANO**—Antonio Serrac outpointed Alessandro Crisafulli, six, light middles.
(03-30-85)
▶**BERNE**—Enrico Scacchia halted British light heavyweight Antonio Harris in the 10th round. Scacchia is now 21-1-1.
Joseph Kassango and Serge Bollivard drew, six, heavies.
(04-05-85)

Thanks to Ray Van Laeken, Leo Vollnhofer, and Mauro Beti.

**ERIC ARMIT**

## UNITED KINGDOM

►**LONDON—Britannia Leisure Centre**—Herol Graham, Sheffield, 159, won the vacant British middleweight title by knocking out Jimmy Price, Liverpool, 159¼, referee Larry O'Connell completing the count at 1:40 of the opening round in a scheduled 12.

Graham punched too hard and too fast for Price, who was down for four, then for eight, before being floored for the third and last time. Afterwards, Graham challenged Marvin Hagler. There were gasps, but if the match did materialize, Hagler would find that Graham wouldn't be content to stand still and be hit. And he can punch a bit himself.

Herol held the European, British and Commonwealth junior middleweight titles, but did not lose any of them in the ring, and is still unbeaten in nearly seven years as a pro, with 32 wins to his credit.

Andy Straughn, Hitchin, 176, stablemate of Errol Christie, stopped American Roosevelt Green, 170, referee Bob Galloway intervening at 2:25 of round six in a scheduled 10, when Green was cut by the left eye. The American's corner protested. Straughn provided most of the aggression, but Green has been around, and proved an elusive customer to deal with.

Mickey Kilgallon, Peckham, 148¼, stopped Colin Neagle, Swansea, 148, referee Nick White calling a halt at 2:07 of round five in a scheduled six. A right hand put Neagle on the canvas with no chance of beating the count, and the referee didn't bother to take it up, rightly deciding that the welfare of the boxer comes first, and allowing the cornermen to attend to him.

George Collins, Camberley, 147, beat Andy Roberts, Stoke, 149½, referee White stopping the action at 1:38 of round three in a scheduled six, again not bothering to take up the count as Roberts was floored for the second time in the round.

Alan Coveley, Bethnal Green, 123, beat Freddie Potter, Southampton, 119½, referee Galloway stopping it at 1:34 of round two in a scheduled six twos after Potter had been floored.

Lennie Howard, Chelmsford, 178, outpointed Geoff Rymer, Hull, 177, not losing one of the six rounds, referee White's scorecard reading 60-58. Both had eye injuries.
(04-24-85)
►**LONGFORD—Crest Hotel**—Denis O'Brien, Southall, 154¼, drew with Johnny Ridgman, Borehamwood, 157¼, over six. Roland Dakin, referee. An excellent bout.

Serg Fame, 175, outpointed Welshman Tony Lawrance, 171, over six twos, referee Nick White casting it 59½-58½. Lawrance was down in round two, but got up immediately.

Frankie Lake, Plymouth, 141, stopped Dave Smithson, Greenford, 135, referee White intervening at 1:12 of round three in a scheduled six, with Smithson under pressure.
(04-26-85)
►**NANTWICH—Civic Hall**—Terry Magee, Belfast, now living in Stoke under the management of Pat Brogan, 153½, outpointed Gary Pearce, Newport, 150, referee Ron Hackett scoring it 79-77½ after eight twos. Pearce had been inactive for a year and a half.

Nobbins followed the bout in which Paul Smith, Sheffield, 154, outpointed Nigel Pearce, 151, Newport, over six twos, referee Hackett's card showing 59-58.

Also over six twos, Si Holdcroft, Stoke, 127½, outpointed Johnny Mack, Liverpool, 128, not losing a round with referee Keith Garner scoring it 60-57½.

Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 126, also didn't lose a round outpointing Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, 128, referee Garner casting it 60-58 after six twos.
(04-17-85)
►**HALIFAX—Civic Theatre**—Andy Straughn, Hitchin, 180, scored the best win of his career by knocking out former British light heavyweight champion Tom Collins, Leeds, 177, in 36 seconds of the opening round in a scheduled 10. Collins went down from a left to the head and got up at three, only to be decked again for the full count by a right cross.

John Doherty, Bradford, 130, outpointed substitute Dean Bramhald, Doncaster, 131½, over eight, scoreline 79½-77½. Doherty was scheduled to defend his Central Area featherweight title against Michael Marsden, but the latter couldn't make the weight. Bramhald had actually paid to come in and watch the show, but readily agreed to meet Doherty in a non-title bout.

Stuart Robinson, Birmingham, 180, narrowly outpointed Central Area light-heavyweight champion Ian Lazarus, Leeds, 176, over eight, referee Garner scoring it 78½-78. Robinson was cut by the right eye.

Billy Edwards, Hoxton, 148, survived a cut by the left eye to stop Steve Harwood, Batley, 143½, referee Hackett intervening at 1:00 of round two after Harwood had been down twice.

Chubby Martin, Islington, 133, beat Ernie Noble, Wakefield, 137, referee Garner calling a halt at 32 seconds of round two after Noble had been floored thrice.
(04-18-85)
►**LONDON—National Sporting Club**—Steve Griffiths, Finchley, 135, beat Dave Haggarty, Paisley, 136, referee Sid Nathan stopping it at the end of round six of a scheduled eight with Haggarty cut by the right eye.

Over six twos, Alan Baptiste, Luton, 167, narrowly outpointed Paul Gamble, Canning Town, 162, referee Nathan casting it 59-58½.

Over the same distance, Tony Rahman, Newport, 120, outpointed Steve Lucas, Waltham Abbey, 124, referee Tony Walker's card showing 59½-58½.

In yet another six twos, John Faulkner, Northampton, 139, outpointed Robert Southey, Abingdon, 136½, not losing a round with referee Walker scoring 60-57½.
(04-18-85)
►**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 171, drew with Mike Farghaley, Manchester, 173, over eight rounds. Ellis was down in round four.

Sean O'Phoenix, Sheffield, 162, outpointed Gary Tomlinson, Mansfield, 163, referee Keith Gardner scoring it a narrow 59-58½ after six.

David Scere, 164, beat Joe Dean, 163¼, who retired at the end of round four with an injured right hand.

Ronnie Tucker, Sheffield, 164, outpointed Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 172, over six, referee Gardner scoring it 59-58½.
(04-15-85)
►**LONDON—York Hall**—Billy Hardy, Sunderland, 117¾, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Ivor Jones, Holloway, over 10 rounds, referee Roy Francis casting it 99½-96½. A great fight, with Hardy's margin larger than last time, and a victory that puts him among the title contenders.

Mo Hussein, West Ham, 137¾, made it 12 straight wins when he stopped Scottish champion Willie Booth, 136½, referee Francis intervening at 1:36 of round three in a scheduled eight. Hussein was down in the opening round, but put Booth down in round two, and had him under pressure when the stoppage came.

Debutant Julian Monville, Hackney, 156, beat Gary Smith, Brighton, 155½, who retired with a cut by the right eye at the end of round three in a scheduled six twos. Reg Thompson, referee.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 172½, didn't lose a round outpointing Nigel Shingles, Brighton, 164, referee Paddy Sower scoring it 60-57½ after six.

Brian King, Bow, 129¼, drew with Mark Champney, Bournemouth, 127½, over six. Paddy Sower, referee.
(04-17-85)
►**LONDON—Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre**—Harry Cowap, Balham, 172¼, won the All-Ireland light heavyweight title by outpointing Jonjo Greene, Manchester, 174, the holder, over 10, referee Harry Gibbs scoring it 98½-96½. Greene was down from a left hook in round seven, and, in the same session, Cowap's nose was injured. It bled until the end.

Terry Smith, Covent Garden, 136, outpointed substitute Les Remikie, Croydon, 138, referee Gibbs casting it 59½-58 after six.

Paul McKenzie, Brixton, 135½, outpointed Eamonn Payne, Norwich, 136, over six twos, referee Dave Parris scoring 60-58.

Denroy Bryan, Swindon, 209¾, outpointed Ralph Irving, Brixton, 226½, over six twos, referee Parris's card showing 59½-58½.

Debutant Jimmy Harrison, Wandsworth, 143¼, impressed in stopping Oliver Henry, Norwich, 145, referee Parris intervening at 1:50 of the opening round after Henry had been down twice.

Dave Smith, Smithfield, 138, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Dave Henderson, Peckham, 136½, referee Gibbs scoring 59½-58½ after six twos.
(04-22-85)
►**BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club**—Roy Smith, Nottingham, 180, outpointed Alex Romeo, Leiceser, 180, winning every round on referee Paul Thomas's card of 80-76 over eight twos. This confirmed a previous victory.

Gary Flear, Birmingham, 135, also confirmed a previous win by outpointing George Jones, Telford, 137, over eight twos, referee Thomas casting it a narrow 78½-78.

Peter Bowen, West Bromwich, 131, outpointed Chris Pegg, Nottingham, 128, over six, referee Bryan Arnott's card showing 59½-58.

Kid Milo, Birmingham, 144, beat Darren Bowen, West Bromwich, 144, referee Arnott intervening at 1:54 of round three in a scheduled six twos. Bowen was down in round two.
(04-22-85)
►**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club**—Tommy Campbell, Blantyre, 149¾, made it 11 straight wins by outpointing Geoff Pegler, Swansea, 149¾, over eight by 79½-78. Billy Rafferty, referee.

Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 134¾, didn't lose a round outpointing Chris McCallum, Glasgow, 135¾, who had been inactive for two years. Referee Rafferty scored it 80-78½ after eight. McCallum was cut by the right eye and bled from the nose.

Carl Merritt, Newport, 139½, outpointed Glen Tweedie, Loanhead, 136, over six, referee Brian Donald casting it 59½-58.

Brian Holmes, Glasgow, 119, stopped substitute Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 122, referee Donald intervening at 2:28 of round two in a scheduled six.
(04-22-85)
►**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Kevin Taylor, Rochdale, 126½, stopped Denzil Goddard, Llanelli, 129, referee Brian Hogg intervening at 50 seconds of round four in a scheduled six when Goddard was cut by the left eye.

Charlie Watson, Bradford, 150, stopped Claude Rosse, Derby, 151, referee Hogg calling a halt just before the end of round four in a scheduled six after Rosse had been down twice.

Steve Garder, Bradford, 212, drew with Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 208, over six. Cawdon had a swelling by the left eye.
(04-22-85)
►**STOKE—European Sporting Club**—Steve Farnsworth, Sheffield, 130, outpointed Les Walsh, Manchester, 127, over eight twos, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 79½-77½.

Danny Glover, Burnley, 142, outpointed Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 145, by 59½-57½ over six twos.

Also over six twos, Ronnie Tucker, Sheffield, 162, won every round over Reuben Thurley, Leicester, 163, scoreline 60-57. Thurley was down in round five.

Glenn McLaggon, Cardiff, 122, won a points victory over Des Gargano, Manchester, 122, the score a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Referee Parkes worked every bout.

►**WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall**—Substitute Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 141, outpointed Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 133, over eight, referee John Coyle's card showing that Foreman didn't lose a round in a score of 80-76½. Chance had facial marks, and Foreman was cut by the left eye.

Chance's original opponent was Tony Willis in an eliminator for the British lightweight title, but the latter had to withdraw, and Paul found it difficult to concede half a stone to Foreman, who is rated Britain's number 14 light welter.

Midlands Area lightweight champion Mickey Baker, 137¾, outpointed Granville Allen, Wednesbury, 143½, referee Coyle casting it 79-78 after eight. Allen was floored in round two. Enthusiastic fans threw in nobbins afterwards.

Cordwell Hylton, 177, didn't lose a round in outscoring Harry Andrews, Birmingham, 175, referee Jim Pridding's card showing 60-58 after six twos.

Mick Lerwill, Telford, 147, stopped Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 149, referee Pridding intervening at 1:10 of round five in a scheduled six twos with Heaver under pressure.

Mick Markie, Kettering, 123½, outpointed Mark Champney, Bournemouth, 125½, referee Pridding scoring it a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Debutant Peter Till, Bloxwich, 135, kayoed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 136, in 1:35 of round one in a scheduled six twos. A right hand did the trick.

(04-25-85)

►**LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club**—Raffaele Feliciello, Rhyl, stopped Peter Ashcroft, Liverpool, 142½, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 1:20 of round seven in a scheduled eight. Ashcroft was floored in round five.

Tony Smith, Liverpool, 150, comfortably outpointed Bobby Wellburn, Hull, 152, over six, referee Vann casting it 59½-58. Wellburn was down in round three.

Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 129, outpointed Sugar Gibiliru, Liverpool, for the second time in two weeks, referee Brian Hogg's card reading a narrow 59-58½ after six.

Terry Gilbey, Hull, 174, outpointed debutant Chris Little, Manchester, 177, referee Hogg scoring it 59-58 after six.

During the show, Liverpool manager Billy McDonald collapsed at ringside and died. He had been in the corner with his boxer, Sugar Gibiliru. As a pro boxer, he was a good lightweight, 1947-50.

(04-29-85)

►**LONDON—Merton Civic Hall**—Alan Baptiste, Luton, 163¼, drew with Karl Barwise, Tooting, 162, over eight twos. Roy Francis, referee.

Newton Barnett, Camberwell, 155¼, outpointed Tony Rabbetts, Farnborough, 159, over eight twos, referee Francis scoring it 79½-77½.

Lee Davis, Reading, 178, beat Greg George, Acton, 180¼, referee Francis intervening at 1:55 of round four in a scheduled eight twos when George was cut by the right eye. Both were previously unbeaten.

Tee Jay, Clapham, 181½, drew with Lou Gent, Battersea, 177, over six. Gent was floored in the opening round from a right hand, but recovered well. A hectic encounter, and the fans tossed in nobbins afterwards. Jay boxed for Ghana in the Olympics under his real name, Taju Akay. Tony Walker, referee.

Paul Dawson, Tooting, 138, narrowly outpointed Paul Gray, Newcastle, 135½, referee Tony Walker casting it 59-58½. Gray's corner protested strongly.

Inactive for three years, Martin Herdman, Richmond, 221¼, drew with Tony Tricker, Norbury, 220½, over six twos. Tony Walker, referee.

A.M. Milton, Streatham, 136, didn't lose a round against Kenny Watson, Norwood, 140, referee Walker's card showing 60-58½ after six twos.

(04-30-85)

►**NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club**—Gary Felvus, Leeds, 135, and Stanley Jones, Swansea, 136, both remain unbeaten after drawing over eight in a match between two southpaws. Plenty of action here. Paul Thomas, referee.

Sean O'Phoenix, Sheffield, 162, beat Mark Watts, Leicester, 161, referee Thomas intervening at 1:13 of round three when Watts was cut by the left eye. O'Phoenix himself was cut by the left eye in round two, prompting him to step up the pace.

Paul Smith, Sheffield, 152, stopped Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 154, referee Thomas calling a halt at 1:40 of the sixth and final round with Armstrong under pressure.

(04-29-85)

►**LONDON—Porchester Hall**—Keith Bristol, Clapham, 176½, outpointed John Moody, 174, over 10, referee Harry Gibbs scoring it a narrow 98-97½. A grim contest, plenty of courage on both sides as fortunes fluctuated. A good win for Bristol, rated number 10, against Moody, ranked number seven.

James Cook, Peckham, 158½, successfully defended his Southern Area middleweight title by outpointing Conrad Oscar, 160, over 10, referee Gibbs rating it 98½-98. Cook got in front after the halfway stage, and kept in control until the end.

Simon Harris, Acton, 174, outpointed Geoff Rymer, Hull, 176, referee Jack Snipe showing a card of 59-58½ after six. Mainly a close-quarter duel.

Abdul Kareem, Tottneham, 137½, stopped Ronnie Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 140, referee Snipe calling a halt at 30 seconds of round five in a scheduled six. Shinkwin bled from the nose, and was under pressure.

Nicky Day, Southampton, 139¼, drew with Con Cronin, Watford, 140, six.

Floored in the first and last rounds, Frankie Lake, Plymouth, 141, did well to outpoint Eamonn Payne, Norwich, 141, referee Snipe scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

(05-04-85)

►**CHORLEY—Park Hall**—Sammy Sampson, Preston, 155½, stopped Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 156, referee Harry Warner intervening at 1:00 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos after Crolla had been down.

Mike Farghaly, 174, outpointed substitute Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 178, referee Warner calling it 79½-78 after eight twos.

Les Clarkson, Hull, 119½, didn't lose a round outpointing Terry Allen, Hartlepool, 121, referee Keith Garner's card showing 40-38½ after four twos.

Debutant Joe Threlfall, Preston, 198, won every round outpointing Mick Creasy, Blackpool, 208, referee Warner scoring it 60-57 after six twos.

Karl Ince, Preston, 148½, was another debutant to start with a win, outpointing Mick Joyce, Doncaster, referee Garner casting it 59½-58 after six.

A heavyweight who stands only 5'5" has an obvious disadvantage, but debutant Brian McHugh, Blackpool, 196, made light of a seven-inch handicap in height, narrowly outpointing Mick Cawdon, Doncaster, 203, over six by 59-58½. Cawdon was also making his pro debut, and finished with a swelling around the left eye.

(04-30-85)

►**HASTINGS—Pier Pavilion**—Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 151, won the British light middleweight title by knocking out Jimmy Cable, Orpington, 154, in 2:00 of the opening round in a scheduled 12. Referee Mike Jacobs completed the count with Cable on his back against the bottom rope.

Cable had been champion for 15 months, but it should be remembered that Rodney had previously held the title, having had to relinquish it without making a defense in 1983, when he suffered an injury in training.

A right uppercut floored Cable for three, and, when he got up, a left hand seemed to lift him clean off his feet before he hit the canvas—with no chance of beating the count.

Rodney's fine victory was spoiled by the throwing of a glass which struck the ring mike, one piece landing in the forehead of Rodney's second Joe Devitt. The person who threw the glass was apprehended by the stewards. Another case of a single stupid action which spoils it for everyone else.

Paul Huggins, Hastings, 129¾, came back after a period of inactivity to stop Denzil Sorrell, Jamaica, 128, referee Larry O'Connell intervening at 2:30 of round three in a scheduled eight with Sorrell under pressure. Sorrell performed very well for two rounds, and Huggins had a swelling by the right eye.

In the third round, Huggins outgamed his opponent, and Sorrell looked a tired man as he was driven back against the ropes. He didn't seem too happy at the stoppage, but referee O'Connell's judgment looked sound.

George Collins, Camberley, 147¼, didn't lose a round in outpointing Lee Woolis, Alfreton, 152, over four, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 40-38. Woolis had a swelling by the right eye after a clash of heads in round four, and a small mark on the right eyebrow.

## BRITISH COMMONWEATH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
2. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
3. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
4. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
5. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
6. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
7. Noel Quarless (Great Britain)
8. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
9. Dave Russell (Australia)
10. Doug Sam (Australia)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
3. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
4. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
5. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
6. Asea Nama (Fiji)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
2. Don LaLonde (Canada)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
5. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
6. Alek Penarski (Great Britain)
7. Wally Carr (Australia)
8. Jim Gradson (Canada)
9. Eddie Melo (Canada)
10. Sam Reeson (Great Britain)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
3. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
4. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
5. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
6. Alex Hilton (Canada)
7. Jimmy Price (Great Britain)
8. Emmanuel Otti (Australia)
9. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
10. Steve Renwick (Australia)

**LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Ken Salisbury (Australia)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
4. Jimmy Cable (Great Britain)
5. John Munduga (Uganda)
6. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
7. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
8. Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
9. Cameron Lithgow (Great Britain)
10. Graeme Looker (Australia)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
1. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
2. David Hilton (Canada)
3. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
6. Russell Sands (Australia)
7. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
8. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
9. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
10. Martin McGough (Great Britain)

**LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
3. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
4. Pat Leglise (Australia)
5. Mario Cusson (Canada)
6. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
7. Lloyd Christie (Great Britain)
8. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
9. Dale Artango (Australia)
10. Lee McKenzie (Great Britain)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
3. Graeme Brooks (Australia)
4. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
5. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
6. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
7. Ian McLeod (Great Britain)
8. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
9. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
10. Najib Daho (Great Britain)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lester Ellis (Australia)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. John Sichula (Zambia)
3. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)
4. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
5. Hans Sankisa (Zambia)
6. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
7. Tony Miller (Australia)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Johnny Rubin (Uganda)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Clyde Ruan (Great Britain)
5. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
6. Tony Pep (Canada)
7. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
8. Charles Mandaya (Zimbabwe)
9. Obelle Anazor (Nigeria)
10. Kevin Pritchard (Great Britain)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
4. John Farrell (Great Britain)
5. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
6. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
7. Sammy Odanga (Uganda)
8. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
9. Hector Clottey (Ghana)
10. Modest Napuyi (Kenya)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
5. Junior Thompson (Australia)
6. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
7. Steve Bell (Australia)
8. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)
9. Charlie Brown (Great Britain)
10. Danny Flynn (Great Britain)

A narrow victory for Tim Gladwish, 145¾, who outpointed Mark Simpson, Brighton, 144¾, referee Snipe scoring it 59-58½ after six twos. Gladwish had been inactive for over a year, and was bruised by both eyes.

Ian Martin, Croydon, 152, had been inactive for a similar period, and beat Paul Allen, Hastings, 151, who retired at the end of round three in a scheduled six twos. A hectic affair. Allen was cut by the right eye in round two, Martin was warned for fighting after the bell ended the round, and Allen was cut by the left eye in round three.

John Wilder, Hastings, 130, won every round, outpointing Brian King, Rhyl, 129½, by 60-57 over six twos on referee Snipe's card. A clash of styles produced too much close-quarter mauling, and King was decked at the end of round two, the count continuing after the bell.
(05-11-85)

►**LONDON—Royal Lancaster Hotel**—T.P. Jenkins, Brentford, 164, outpointed Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 169, over eight, referee Mike Jacobs casting it 78½-77½. Longsden was down in round seven, and Jenkins was cut by the left eye in the final session.

Randy Henderson, Peckham, 154, stopped Spencer Cummings, 152¼, referee Jacobs intervening at 1:28 of round seven in a scheduled eight twos after Cummings had been down and was bleeding from the nose and mouth.

Simon Paul, Hackney, 151¼, stopped Dave Grey, Putney, 148, in a clash of debutants. Referee Paddy Sower intervened at 1:57 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Grey had been down and was cut by the left eye.

Jim Harrison, Wandsworth, 140, beat Jess Rundan, Plymouth, 134, referee Sower calling a halt at 1:03 of round two in a scheduled six twos. Harrison was down twice.
(05-09-85)

►**LONDON—Acton Town Hall**—Southern Area light heavyweight champion Sam Reeson, 176, didn't lose a round in outpointing Northern Ireland champion Liam Coleman, 177, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 80-78 after eight. It was Reesin's 10th win in a row, but Coleman showed plenty of aggression, and contributed to a fine scrap. Coleman was down briefly in round two from a left hand, and Reeson was cut by the right eye from a clash of heads in round five.

Jaswant Singh Ark, Southall, 142¼, outpointed Gary Champion, Norwich, 140, over eight twos, score 79-78 on referee Nathan's card. Champion finished strongly, but Ark had built up a good lead. Plenty of action here.

Barry Ellis, Clapham, 203, outpointed Gipsy Carmen, 202¼, over eight twos, referee Nick White casting it 79½-76½. Carmen was down in round five, but fought back pluckily, and deserved the ovation at the end.

Tony Tricker, Norwood, 219¾, didn't lose a round in outpointing Mike Fawcett, West Ham, 203¾, over six twos, score 60-58½ on referee White's card. In round six, a clash of heads resulted in both being cut, but the bout continued after a referee's inspection.

Joe Donoghue, Walworth, 130½, drew with Gary King, Edgware, 132, over six twos. Nick White, referee. Donoghue was out of the ring twice, the first time from a push; the second was ruled a knockdown. When Donoghue was allowed to box, he looked useful, but there was too much pushing and shoving.
(05-09-85)

►**WARRINGTON—Spectrum Arena**—British bantamweight champion John Feeney, Hartlepool, outpointed Peter Harris, Swansea, over 10 by a narrow 98-97½, and, although some fans showed their disapproval, it was so close that there was bound to be dissent whichever way it went.

The original pairing was Feeney versus Ray Gilbody in a title defense. When Gilbody was forced to pull out, Sandy Odanga was secured. When he pulled out, Harris agreed to substitute at short notice. The match was then made at 122, and both were announced as inside that poundage.

Harris is one of the leading contenders for Feeney's title, and in this overweight match proved he is a worthy challenger. It will be interesting to see what happens when they meet at the bantamweight limit, as they surely must.

Tony Britton, Lewisham, 161, stopped Sammy Brennan, Kirkby, 162, referee Ron Hackett intervening at 40 seconds of round five in a scheduled eight. Brennan was down twice.

Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 149, avenged a previous defeat by beating John Ridgeman, Borehamwood, 149, referee Hackett stopping it at 48 seconds of the eighth and final round when Ridgeman was cut by the right eye.

Gary Stretch, St. Helens, 147, stopped Bobby Welburn, Hull, 150, referee Keith Gardner intervening at 2:24 of round three in a scheduled six after Welburn had been down and was under pressure.

Albert Parr, St. Helens, 119, beat Terry Allen, Hartlepool, 120, referee Gardner intervening at 1:57 of the opening round after Allen had been down from a left hook.
(05-09-85)

►**GLASGOW—Barrowland Ballroom**—Bobby McDermott, Glasgow, 117, stopped Tony Rahman, Newport, 117½, referee Len Mullen intervening at 1:41 of round six in a scheduled eight when Rahman was cut and swollen by the left eye. Rahman did well in the first half of the fight, but McDermott then opened out and was on top when the end came.

Alex Dickson, Larkhall, 138½, didn't lose a round outpointing George Jones, Telford, 138, over eight, referee Mullen scoring it 80-77.

Billy Cairns, Glasgow, 139¼, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Albert Buchanan, Dundee, 140, referee Danny McCafferty casting it 59½-58½ after six.

Brian Holmes, Glasgow, 120, outpointed Gordon Stobie, Darlington, also 120, by a similar scoreline on referee McCafferty's card.

Dave Smith, Smithfield, 139, gained a narrow points win over substitute Kris McAdam, Paisley, 136, who only took the match at the weigh-in. Referee McCafferty cast it 59½-59 after six. McAdam was down from a slip in round one and briefly in round six, sustaining a swelling by the left eye in round five.
(05-10-85)

►**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club**—Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 141, had to pull out all the stops in order to outpoint substitute Mike Durvan, Penge, also 141, by a narrow 78½-78 over eight on referee John Coyle's card.

A fine performance by Durvan, Britain's 19th ranked lightweight, with Christie the number two light welterweight contender. Durvan looked ahead at the halfway stage, but Christie produced the cleaner punching in the last four rounds.

Mike Harris, Swansea, 149, beat Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 149¾, who retired at the end of round six in a scheduled eight. The Scottish welter champ hadn't been down, but he was under consistent pressure and miles behind on points.

Robert Dickie, the Scottish featherweight champion, based in Swansea, 128, stopped previously undefeated Mark Reafer, Bethnal Green, also 128, referee John Keane intervening at 1:18 of round one in a scheduled eight after Reafer had been floored.

Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 141½, outpointed Simon Eubanks, Peckham, 141¾, over eight twos, referee Keane casting it a narrow 79-78½.

Gary Flear, Birmingham, 134½, beat Michael Marsden, Leeds, 137, who retired at the end of round five because of a kidney injury. John Keane refereed this scheduled eight twos.
(05-08-85)

►**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club**—Mike Farghaly, 170, stopped Terry Gilbey, Hull, 175, at 43 seconds of round three in a scheduled eight. Referee Ron Hackett intervened after Gilbey had been down twice.

Ian Harrison, Manchester, 136, kayoed Glen Tweedie, Edinburgh, 137, at 70 seconds of the opening round with a right to the jaw. Ron Hackett, referee.

David Scere, Manchester, 162¾, kayoed Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 163, at 54 seconds of round four in a scheduled six with a right to the jaw. Referee Keith Garner did not bother to count.

Debutant Brian Waring, Liverpool, 138, outpointed Billy Laidman, Durham, also 138, six. Referee Garner scored it 59½-57½. Waring recovered well from a knockdown in round two.
(05-13-85)

►**DIGBETH—Civic Hall**—Tony Willis, Liverpool, 135, won the vacant British lightweight title by narrowly outpointing Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 134, over 12 rounds, referee Sid Nathan scoring it 117½-117—a decision McLeod hotly disputed, but which looked fair.

Willis was cut by both eyes, needing 13 stitches, and was also handicapped by an injured left hand from the fourth onwards. He established a good lead until the ninth, when he looked a little weary, and McLeod came in with some hefty rights. If he had continued to pile on the pressure, who knows what might have happened, but he kept it at long range, allowing Willis to get back into the fight.

Willis claimed he had been butted in round 11, when his first eye injury occurred, and complained again in the final round after a similar incident. Fortunately for him the bell came soon after.

Plenty of action throughout, with McLeod always putting up stubborn resistance. There could well be a return.

Roy Smith, Nottingham, 180, didn't lose a round outpointing Geoff Rymer, Hull, also 180, referee Nathan scoring it 80-77½ over eight twos.

Before the fight, there occurred one of those embarrassments you sometimes read about, but never actually see. Digbeth ringsiders howled as Rymer got to his corner and took off his dressing gown. He had forgotten to put on his shorts. An undignified retreat to the dressing room and a triumphant return amid cheers.

Geoff may have wished he had stayed in the dressing room. He sustained cuts on the nose and below the right eye, with swellings on both cheeks.

John Hyland, Liverpool, 121½, beat Alex Irvine, Corby, 125, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three with a cut by the right eye. After the bout, Irvine announced his retirement from the ring. He is a former holder of the Midlands Area featherweight title, with nearly 50 fights under his belt.

Steve Cook, Southend, 138, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Andrew Mayers, Birmingham, also 138, over six twos, referee Brian Anders scoring it 59½-58½. In the last round, Cook was cut by the right eye.

Tony Meszaros, Birmingham, 162, didn't lose a round in outpointing Steve Davies, Pembroke, 156, referee Arnott's card showing 60-58 after six twos. Davies was down three times.
(05-16-85)

►**LEICESTER—Holiday Inn**—Junao Ausha, Ghana, 142, scored a narrow points win over Martin Boulton, Norwich, 143, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 78½-78 after eight. Ausha was down in the final round from a right to the chin.

Ian Harrison, Manchester, 139, outpointed Wayne Trigg, Newtown, 138, over six by 59½-58½ in an excellent contest.

Graeme Griffin, Corby, 148, outpointed Steve Ward, Nottingham, 149, not losing a round with a scoreline of 60-57½ over six.

Steve Craggs, Leicester, 147, drew with Steve Tempro, Leicester, 146, six.

Referee Parkes officiated throughout.
(05-16-85)

►**GLASGOW—Whitbread Scotland Sporting Club**—Charlie Brown, Glasgow, 118, beat Kevin Downer, Shoreditch, 116¾, referee Billy Rafferty intervening at 1:43 of round eight when Downer had been floored with a right to the jaw. Downer's left eye was completely closed.

Alistair Laurie, Selkirk, 143½, didn't lose a round outpointing Barry Winter, 147, Clydebank, referee Rafferty casting it 60-58 after six twos. Winter had been inactive for two years.

In the '20s and '30s, Jewish boxers were among the best in the world, as witness Ted (Kid) Lewis and Kid Berg. These days, it is unusual to see one in Britain, so it was interesting to watch Gary Jacobs, Glasgow, 151½, making his debut with a fine win over John Conlan, Liverpool, 145, referee Len Mullen scoring it 60-57½ over six twos—indicating Jacobs had not lost a round.

Willie Docherty, Kirkintilloch, 140, beat Chris McCallum, Glasgow, 137¾, who was disqualified by referee Mullen for continuing to punch after the bell ended round four. Docherty was trapped in a corner, under great pressure when the bell came. McCallum carried on punching, and Docherty dropped to the canvas.
(05-20-85)

►**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club**—Charlie Watson, Bradford, 150, outpointed Dennis Sullivan, Plymouth, also 150, over six, referee Mickey Van scoring it 60-58—indicating Watson hadn't lost a round.

Debutant Richard Wagstaff, Leeds, 150, beat Michael Sullivan (brother of Dennis), who retired at the end of round four in a scheduled six after he had been decked and injured his nose.

Danny Quiggs, Paisley, 153½, beat debutant Ned Newbold, Alfreton, who retired at the end of round two with a cut by the left eye.

Mickey Bird, Alfreton, 147, and Tony Smith, Liverpool, 150, drew six.
(05-20-85)

►**NOTTINGHAM—Albany Sporting Club**—Gary Flear, Nottingham, 132, outpointed Eddie Lloyd, Rhyl, 135, referee Frank Parkes scoring it 79-77½, after eight. Some thought the margin was narrower.

Gordon Stobie, Darlington, 116, outpointed Gypsy Johnny, Rhyl, also 116, by 59-58 over six hectic rounds. It was punch-for-punch, and the fans loved it.

Sean West, Alfreton, 163, outpointed Ruben Thurley, Leicester, 158, over six by 59½-58½.

Albert Parr, St. Helens, 128½, outpointed Mitchell King, Leicester, 129, by 59½-58½ over six. Plenty of action in this one.
(05-20-85)

►**MANSFIELD**—Frank Robinson, Wednesbury, 185, won the Midlands Area heavyweight title by stopping Ian Priest, Alfreton, 211, referee Paul Thomas intervening at 2:04 of round nine in a scheduled 10. Priest had been down twice.

Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, 153¾, kept his Midlands Area light middleweight crown by outpointing Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 150½, over 10, referee Thomas's card showing 98-97.

Over six twos, Gary Tomlinson, Alfreton, 164½, drew with Sean O'Phoenix, six. Jim Pridding, referee.

Sean West (brother of Gary Tomlinson) made a fine debut against Chris Winter, Grimsby, 161½, referee Pridding intervening at 1:07 of round two in a scheduled four twos.

Peter Bolland, Walsall, 129, also made a successful debut by outpointing Joey Dee, Alfreton, 131, referee Pridding casting it 59½-58½ over six twos.
(05-14-85)

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## JAPAN

►**OKINAWA—City Gymnasium**—Tomohiro Kiyuna, 110¾, kayoed Yuto Kazaki, also 110¾, in 2:49 of round seven in a scheduled 10. Kazunobu Asao, referee.

Kiyuna, 23, is now 13-1 with seven knockouts. He is now ranked 18th in the light flyweight division by the WBC. Kazaki, 24, is 8-5-1 with five knockouts.

Toshi Okuma, 122, knocked out Fukuichi Ota, 121, in 0:33 of the eighth and final session.

Seiji Tomari, 109¼, won a split decision over Masato Kudo, 107, eight.

Attendance—1,200. No telecast.
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►**HAMAMATSU—City Gymnasium**—Lanky Junichi Misawa, 132½, stopped local favorite Kenjiro Kawai, 134½, at 1:28 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Kawai was down twice before his corner threw the towel.

Misawa is now 10-5 with six knockouts. Kawai is 4-8-1 with four kayoes.

Masaru Yoshimoto, 107½, climbed off the canvas to knock out Hiroyuki Aikata, 107¾, in 3:00 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10. Yoshimoto is now 8-2-3. This was his first victory by kayo.

Kazuhisa Koyama, 111, and Masakatsu Aikata, 111¾, drew, eight.

Takashi Yokozeki, 119, won a close but unanimous decision over Akira Moriyasu, 118½, eight.

Attendance—2,000. No telecast.

Seien Promotions.

(05-11-85)

►**NAKATSU, OITA—Nakatsu Workers Athletic Center**—Chotaro Nagao, 145¼, stopped Minoru Nagata, 144¾, at 2:20 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Hiroaki Kato, 116½, outscored Kenji Noguchi, 115¾, eight.

(05-19-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Southpaw Shokichi Fujimoto (previously fighting as Gen Tosa), 134¾, won a unanimous decision over 19-year-old Young-Soo Cho, 134, Korea, 10. Cho was down in the first session.

Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 100-89; judge Takeo Ugo, 100-93. Fujimoto is now 16-9-1 with six knockouts.

Former Japanese junior flyweight champion Kentoku Nakama, 116¾, a southpaw, won a unanimous decision over Shotgun Suzuki, 115¾, 10. Nakama, inactive since March, 1984, is now 13-3-1 with seven knockouts. Suzuki is 6-3-3 with two kayoes.

Tall Hiroaki Motohashi, the JBC's 10th ranked lightweight contender, used body shots to halt Bishunu Malakar, 135, at 2:31 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Tomoo Matsumoto, 107¼, kayoed hitherto unbeaten Hiroyuki Miyata, also 107¼, with three knockdowns in 0:57 of the third round in their scheduled six. Matsumoto is now 4-1-1 with three kayoes. Miyata is 7-1 with two knockouts.

Bruce Kyoda, 129½, stopped Yoshito Kumakawa, 127¾, at 1:03 of the third round in another scheduled six.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated). Fuji TV.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.

(05-23-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yoshiaki Nojima, 108, won a unanimous decision over Kenbun Nojima, 107¼, 10. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki and judge Shoji Nakamori, both 98-96; judge Masakazu Uchida, 98-97. It did not appear that close.

Nojima, 25, is now 19-7-4 with two knockouts. Taiho, 21, is 10-2-3 with four kayoes. He had been ranked eighth by the World Boxing Council. Nojima had been ranked 14th.

Miguel Mercedes, 112, (brother of ex-WBC flyweight champion Eleoncio), Dominican Republic, halted lanky Yoshikazu Kurashita, also 112, at 1:13 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Mercedes, who fought under the name Miguel Nagashima, is reportedly now 13-1-1. He looked strong. Kurashita, the JBC's ninth ranked flyweight, is 8-4 with three kayoes.

Eiji Kimura, 146¼, won a close but unanimous (double 77-76 and 78-75) decision over Shin Ito, also 146¼, eight. Ito was down in round one.

Kimura, a 1984 *Shinjin-o* tourney winner, is now 10-0-1 with eight kayoes. Ito is 3-3 with one knockout.

Kazuhiko Akira, 117, won a unanimous decision over Yoshiharu Yokoshoji, also 117, eight.

Kaigai Times Promotions.

Attendance—2,300. TBS TV.

(05-27-85)

►**AMAGASAKI—Sports Center**—Mexican Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 126½, halted Masachiyo Matsuura, 126, at 2:07 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Hideo Kawamoto, 159½, flattened taller Tsutomu Takashiho, 158, a southpaw, in 1:04 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Takashiho was the JBC's fourth ranked middleweight contender.

(05-27-85)

►**OSAKA—Taikokaku Restaurant**—This was a dinner-boxing show.

Kaneto Kimura, 126, outscored Yasuo Nakane, 124¾, six.

Minoru Kujo, 135, outpointed Kazuo Tahara, 134¼.

Attendance—1,000. No telecast.

(05-28-85)

►**URAWA—Urawa Race Track**—Hard punching lefty Young Hideo, 131¾, kayoed Masaru Kanuma, also 131¾, in 2:26 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Hideo is the JBC's third ranked lightweight contender.

Kazuo Osamu, 123¼, knocked out former Japanese junior featherweight champion Bunji Ando, 122¼, in 0:37 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10.

Keiichi Ozaki, 115, outpointed Masakatsu Toyooka, 114½, eight.

Osamu Promotions.

Attendance—3,500. No telecast.

(06-02-85)

►**SENDAI—Miyagi Prefectural Gymnasium**—Koji (Cheyenne) Yamamoto, 134½, won the vacant Japanese lightweight crown by knocking out Hikaru Tomonari, 135, in 0:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Takeshi Shimakawa.

Yamamoto, 25, is now 18-7-5 with 11 knockouts. Tomonari, 29, is 25-8-1 with 13 kayoes.

Kimura Promotions. No telecast.

(06-04-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fujio Ozaki, 145½, won the Japanese welterweight crown with an upset unanimous decision over defending champion Junya Kushikino, 146¼, 10. Scoring: referee Kodai Kumazaki, 99-95; judges Ken Morita and Takeaki Kanaya, both 100-95.

Ozaki, trained by former world junior lightweight champion Hiroshi Kobayashi, is now 16-3 with eight knockouts. Kushikino, 31, is 29-14 with 24 kayoes.

Shunichi Sugita, 115, kayoed Koheita Tanaka, also 115, in 0:57 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Tanaka is now 7-3-1 with four kayoes. Sugita is 9-3-1 with four knockouts.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

(06-06-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Mexico's German Torres, 112, halted Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, also 112, at 1:15 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Masakazu Uchida, referee.

Torres, now a Japanese citizen, is 49-8-2 with 42 knockouts. Uchikoshi is 12-7-2 with five kayoes.

Former Japanese junior lightweight champion Yoshimitsu Azato, 131, knocked out Yong-Woon Kim, 130, Korea, in 2:35 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Kodai Kumazaki, referee.

Azato is now 18-4-1 with 11 kayoes. Kim is 8-2-2 with four knockouts.

Southpaw Keiji Tomonaga, 126, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over veteran Joe Hayato, also 126, six. Hayato was down twice in the first round.

Norikazu Kawana, 111¼, won unanimous decision over Kiroyuki Ojima, 112, six.

Kaigai Times Promotions. TBS TV.

(06-10-85)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Ryo Asuka, 153¾, TKO'd Masaharu Owada, 152¼, at 2:12 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Wicked rights forced referee Ken Morita to give Owada two standing eight counts before the fight was stopped.

Asuka is now 8-7-1 with five kayoes. Owada, who had scored an upset knockout over Hidekazu Akai on February 5, is 9-9-1 with eight kayoes.

Masahiro Takagi, 128, TKO'd Tiger Michigami, also 128, at 2:13 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Masakazu Uchida, referee.

Takagi is now 16-6-3 with seven knockouts. Michigami is 8-5 with six kayoes.

Eiji Okita, 134½, TKO'd former Korean champion Suk-Kyu Park, also 134½, at 1:55 of the eighth round in another scheduled 10. Hiroyuki Tezaki, referee.

Shinto Promotions. TV Asahi.

(06-11-85)

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## KOREA

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Ok-Young Kim; 133¼, outscored Bong-Chun Park, 133, 10. Kim, no puncher, is now 9-3-3. Park is 4-5-5 with one kayo.

Six-rounders: Wang-Sup Lee, 162, stopped Sang-Chul Lee, also 162, at 1:47 of the sixth and final session. Sung-Tae Lee, 140, outscored Kil-Sok Chun, 141¼. Won-San Kang, 137¼, kayoed Sun-Dong Kim, 137, at 2:57 of the first round. Jin-Ho Choi, 128, outpointed Won-Kyung Kim, 128¼, in the opener.

Kampo Promotions.

(05-04-85)

►**YANGMYUNG—Yangmyung High School Gymnasium**—Kyung-Min Nah, 160 retained his OPBF middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Indonesian Suwarno, also 160, 12. Scoring: referee Sun-Ki Kim, 120-116; judge Dae-In Chung, 119-116; judge Kang-Woo Lee, 119-115. Nah looked sluggish.

Six-rounders: Hyun-Jae Hwang, 123¼, outscored Sung-Kyu Cho, 123½. Tae-Young Kwon, 116¾, outpointed Sung-Kwan Lee, 117¾.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(05-05-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Jin-Shik Choi, 132¼, demolished Boy Morales, 131¾, Philippines, in 2:22 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Choi, the IBF's sixth ranked junior lightweight, is now 16-1 with 14 kayoes. Morales is 16-12-6 with five knockouts.

Eight-rounders: Wang-Ki Chung, 153¾, polished off Sung-In Lee, 154¼, in 1:31 of the first round. Jae-Yong Hwang, 127¾, outscored Yun-Shil Kim, 128. Hun-Kuk Chae, 114¼, outpointed Suk-Bong Kim, 114½.

Saeki Promotions.

(05-11-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Dong-Chun Lee, 116¾, TKO'd former Japanese junior bantamweight champion Mutsuo Watanabe, 116½, at 1:30 of the second round in a scheduled 10. A cut on the left eyelid forced the stoppage.

Lee, the WBA's 10th ranked junior bantam, is now 21-6-1 with nine kayoes. Watanabe is 12-9-2 with five knockouts.

Korean junior lightweight champion Chung-Won Chung, 131¼, won a technical decision over Donaciano Escamilla, 130¼, Mexico, when their scheduled 10 was stopped at 0:30 of round five. Chung is now 18-0 with 10 kayoes. Escamilla is 16-3 with nine knockouts.

Yong-Ho Kim, 120, halted Hae-Dong Park, 121¾, at 2:29 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Waryong Promotions.

(05-18-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Jun-Sok Hwang, 147 retained his OPBF welter crown by stopping tough Petchsayarm Petcharern, 146¼, at 2:37 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12.

Hwang is now 33-2 with 20 kayoes. Petcharern is 19-6-2 with eight knockouts.

Jin-Hong Kim, 124, outscored Cha-Sok Oh, also 124, 10.

(05-19-85)

►**BUAHN—National School Playground**—Bi-Won Chung, 113½, won a unanimous decision over Benjie Miole, also 113½, Philippines, 10. Chung, the WBC's 10th ranked contender, is now 16-4-2 with four kayoes. Miole is 26-2-3 with five knockouts.

Jae-Yong Park, 147¾, knocked out Soo-Dal Kim, also 147¾, in 2:54 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Ok-Yong Kim, 132¼, outscored Dong-In Chun, also 132¼.

Kangpo Promotions.

(05-25-85)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF junior welterweight champion Eung-Shik Kim, 141¾, knocked out Cris Ladera, 141, Philippines, in 1:01 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Kim is now 13-0 with 11 kayoes. Ladera is 19-6-3 with 11 knockouts.

Jae-Mun Yuh, 127¾, outpointed Jun-Hyun Yun, 128, eight.

Dong-A Promotions.

(05-26-85)

►**CHUNAN—Monopoly Bureau Gymnasium**—Chun Huh, 108½, won a unanimous decision over Kenji Ono, 108¾, Japan, 10. Scoring: referee Kang-Woo Lee and judge Sun-Ki Kim, both 99-95; judge Hwan-Soo Yuh, 100-92.

The 19-year-old Huh stands 5'8½"—exceptionally tall for a man of his weight. Ono, the WBC's 16th ranked light flyweight, had beaten former Japanese champion Tadashi Kuramochi in his last fight, but was unable to cope with the speedy Korean.

Huh is now 12-0 with eight knockouts. Ono is 11-8-2 with five kayoes.

Won-San Kang and Tae-Yong Koh, 137¼, drew, eight.

Ilhwa Promotions.

(05-27-85)

►**JAECHUN—Jaechun Gymnasium**—Hi-Sok Kim, 114, knocked out Allan Makitoki, 116¼, Korea, in 0:58 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Kim is now 17-2-2 with six knockouts. Makitoki is 24-7-2 with nine kayoes.

Young-Duk Park, 120¼, halted Gun-Jin Pyun, also 120¼, at 0:33 of round six in a scheduled eight.

Sangwon Promotions.

(05-27-85)

►**DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Ki-Yung Chung, 126, retained his OPBF featherweight title by knocking out Filipino champion Al Llanita, also 126, at 1:24 of the 10th round in a scheduled 12. Ken Morita, referee.

Chung is now 27-4-2 with nine kayoes. Llanita is 16-6-2 with seven knockouts.

Chang-Young Chang, 109½, outscored Hae-Dong Kim, 110, eight.

World Promotions.

(05-28-85)

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**YOO-CHANG KIM**

## PHILIPPINES

►**LUCENA CITY**—Nick Caputol, 134¾, and Elmer Leonardo, also 134¾, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw in round eight. Victor Valdez, referee.

Bobby Castillo, 121, outpointed Bobby Pinos, 118, 10.

Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Roman.

(04-06-85)

►**CONCEPCION, TARLAC**—Eddie Camero, 132, TKO'd veteran Fred Basa, also 132, at the end of three rounds in a scheduled 10. Rod Mercado, referee.

Romy Austria, 112, won a unanimous decision over Dommy Ursua, Jr., also 112, 10.

Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.

GAB witnesses—Voltiare Reverente, Vedasto C. Adriano.

(04-06-85)

►**ILIGAN CITY**—Joe Buevarra, 119, outpointed Ali Granada, also 119, 10.

Promoter—Ponciano Jimenez.

(04-06-85)

►**SANTIAGO, ISABELLA**—Boy Samson, 119, won a unanimous decision over Tito Gregorio, 117, 10. Victor Valdez, referee.

Ric Bajelot, 117½, won a majority decision over Bert Gomez, 119, 10.

Four-rounders: Fernando Dionisio, 135, outpointed Salem Pascual, 129. Tim Ubaldo, 114½, won a close decision over Sammy Ansig, 114. Rene Antonares, 127, outpointed Romy Lamanosa, 125. Knorr Noprada, 119, and Leo Dosal, 125, drew in the opener.

Promoter—Gene Reyno.

GAB witnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.

(04-11-85)

►**PITALBO, SAN FERNANDO, CEBU**—Former WBC flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 124, Tko'd Zaldy Adrayan, 121, in the second round of a scheduled 10. G. Bitacura, referee.

Promoter—Victoriano Pasana.

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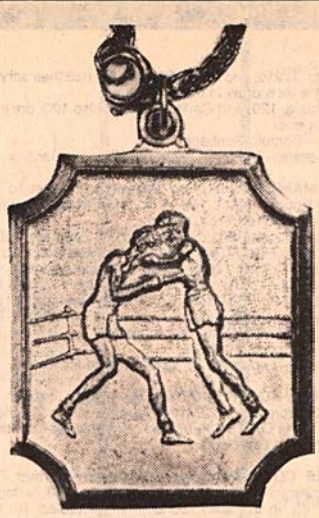

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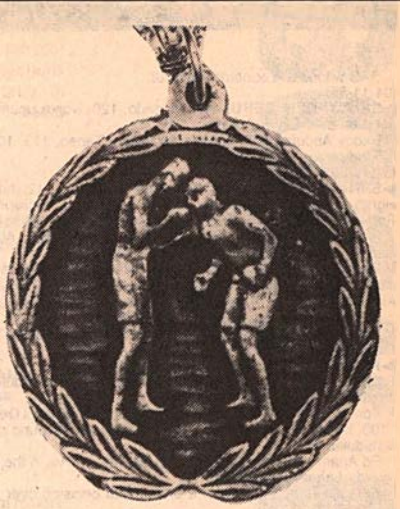

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▶**SANTANDER, CEBU**—Ner Binondo, 120, won a unanimous decision over Elmer Adrayan, 121, 10.
Dadoy Andujar, 112, outpointed Manny Taneo, 113, 10.
Promoter—Roger Vestil.
(04-11-85)

▶**SAN JOSE, OCC. MINDORO**—Edel Geronimo, 112, the IBF's eighth ranked junior bantam, won a unanimous decision over Roger Pilapil, 113, 10. Erbito Salavarria, referee.
Six-rounders: Joe Francisco, 127, outpointed Bob Atienza, also 127. Rey Villaflores, 120, outscored Leo Ero, 118.
Four-rounders: Renato Magramo, 110, stopped Jesus Mundido, also 110, at 2:26 of the second. Joey Escala, 105½, and Alex Santiago, 101½, fought to a majority draw in the opener.
Promoter—Laureano Gamboa.
GAB witnesses—Virgilio de los Reyes, Carlos Roman.
(04-13-85)

▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Lito Vasquez, 142, TKO'd Edison Saladas, 141½, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Joe Lansang, referee.
Former OPBF junior bantamweight champion William Develos, 1190, halted Audy Murphy, 118½, in the second round of their scheduled 10.
Ed Adame, 109½, stopped Edgardo Tito, 110½, in the eighth round of another scheduled 10.
Rolando Bohol, 113, won a unanimous decision over Henry Balina, 108, 10.
Joseph Ladipe, 114½, and Danny Marino, 115, fought to a split draw, eight.
Ronnie Villegas, 107, outscored Johnny Siok, 108½, six.
Four-rounders: Pinoy Igor, 108¾, outscored Omar Maca, 108½. Rodrigo Altarejos, 122¼, outpointed Rolly Urbistondo, 124¾, in the opener.
Galorde Enterprises.
GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Romulo Santiago.
(04-19-85)

▶**ZAMBOANGA CITY—Zaec Gymnasium**—Roger Salasa, 142, won a unanimous decision over Tony Flores, also 142, 10.
Promoter—Diomedes Tabotabo.
(04-20-85)

▶**MANDALUYONG, METRO MANILA**—Herberto Aragon, 121¾, the GAB's top ranked bantamweight contender, TKO'd Rudy Cabiles, 122¾, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Joe Lansang, referee.
Faustino Simbajon, 112½, won on a disqualification over Rey Torrenski, 112, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10. Torrenski was ruled out due to a substance in his water.
Six-rounders: Majie Bonna, 121¼, outpointed Eder Olivetti, 121½. Richard Agbay, 124¾, outscored Cecil Median, 123½.
Four-rounders: Jeffrey Don, 124, halted Salem Pascual, 127, at 2:37 of the second. Rey Milano, 123, and Jaime Santos, 124½, fought to a majority draw in the opener.
Promoter—Grego Garcia.
GAB witnesses—Romulo Santiago, Carlos Roman.
(04-20-85)

▶**TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Robinson Cabusao, 113, TKO'd George Yson, 112, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Eusebio Almario, Jr.
(04-21-85)

▶**INFANTA, QUEZON**—Amy Pacana, 134½, TKO'd Albert Saxon, 135, in round five of a scheduled 10. Victor Valdez, referee.
Ranel Pastorfide, 128, outscored Diego Lebante, also 128, eight.
June Llano, 122½, and Roger Obina, 123, had their scheduled six declared a tech draw in the final round.
Sammy Ansig, 120, and Carlito Andaya, also 120, drew in the four-round opener.
Promoter—Romulo Santiago.
GAB witnesses—Voltaire Reverente, Romulo Santiago.
(04-22-85)

▶**METRO MANILA—Suansing Gymnasium**—Cecilio Tutor, 110, TKO'd Robert Palarit, 108, at 0:25 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez, referee.
Leonardo Calmona, 130½, outpointed Boy Escarten, 130, six.
Four-rounders: Edgar Capino, 103, outpointed Molito Aporado, also 103. Leon Collins, 110, outscored Wilson Apurado, 111½. Alex Santiago, 106, outscored Boy Selda, also 106. Leo Dosal, 121, outpointed Bell Barrisan, 120. Adam Estogue, 111, outscored Joey Escala, 110. Salvador Antonio, 131¼, halted Patrick Miran, 130, in the first round in the opener.
Promoter—Paciencia Hitosis.
GAB witness—Leonardo Trinidad, Voltaire Reverente.
(04-26-85)

▶**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Edgar Apatan, 122, halted Nestor Bairo, also 122, in the second round of a scheduled 10. Apatan is the GAB's fifth ranked bantamweight contender.
Promoter—Ben Hur Bedia.
(04-27-85)

▶**ANGELES CITY—Shanghai Restaurant**—Former Filipino junior welterweight champion Mike de Guzman, 148, halted Lucio Jasmines, 145, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.
Romy Austria, 110, won a unanimous decision over John Calanogan, also 110, 10.
Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.
GAB witnesses—Leonardo Trinidad, Virgilio de los Reyes.
(04-27-85)

▶**CONCEPCION, TARLAC**—Geron Porras, 130, won a unanimous decision over Boy Reyes, also 130, 10. Danny Rodenas, referee.
There were no other contests.
Promoter—Antonio Esguerra.
GAB witnesses—Vedasto C. Adriano, Carlos Dizon.
(04-27-85)

▶**MANIKI, KAPALONG, DAVAO**—Allan Allegria, 142, outpointed Gary Atayde, 145, 10.
Promoter—Teofilo Repote.
(04-28-85)

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## THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Mahasamuth Sithnaruepon, 106, won a unanimous decision over Pornmongkol Sithkodome, 110, six.
(05-02-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Umnaj Sithkosa, 107, won an upset decision over former Thai mini-flyweight Kairung Sithpayak, 109, six.
(05-04-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Atsushi (Jun) Hoki, 106, knowkced out Thai junior flyweight champion Chaiya Singchachvan, 109, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Hoki floored the champ for a mandatory eight-count in the second. In the fatal round, he rushed to Chaiya's corner and knocked the Thai out with a right to the face. Not an illegal punch, but certainly not popular with the Thai crowd.
(05-12-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Muay Thai boxer Chokthavee Chor Karnchang, 117, made his "international style" debut by outpointing Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, 114, six.
(05-13-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamuth Singsamang, the TBC's second ranked flyweight, knocked out heavier Rakangthong S. Rienthong in the third round of a scheduled six. Rienthong was substitute for Pornmongkol Sithkodome.
(05-14-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Muay Thai boxer Saifah S. Thanikul, 118, a southpaw, made his "international style" debut with a unanimous decision over Singnoi Singkrungthon, 119, six. Singkrungthon was the TBC's fifth ranked junior bantamweight contender.
(05-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sombutryod Singsamang, 118, the TBC's top ranked bantamweight contender, knocked out Laemthong Sor Vorasingh, 120, nephew of former WBC light flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(05-19-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Veerachai Vongprasert, 110, knocked out Krailert Kiatdaosawai, 109, in the third round of a scheduled six. Vongprasert, the TBC's ninth ranked flyweight contender, had been inactive for more than a year.
(05-21-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pornmongkol Sithkodome, 116, TKO'd Thai junior bantamweight champion Peetchngam Chuvatana, 117, in the final minute of the third round in a scheduled six. A butt closed the champ's eye and forced the stoppage.
Chuvatana had been scheduled to meet Filipino champion Ruben de la Cruz for the vacant OPBF title.
(05-22-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petch Saknarong, 110, the TBC's 10th ranked junior flyweight, won an upset verdict over Eak Donjadee, 108, the second ranked mini-flyweight, six.
(05-23-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai lightweight champion Downthong Chuvatana, 137, returned from Japan and halted Singsam;uth Po. Chaiyavat, 136, at the end of five rounds in a scheduled eight.
(05-27-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**Samkun Chuvatana, 120, won a unanimous decision over fellow southpaw Yongsak Sakprayuth, 119, six.
(05-30-85)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Fast rising 'kongnapha Singthorchaol, 126, outscored former Thai junior featherweight champion Dejvarin Hollywood, also 126, eight.
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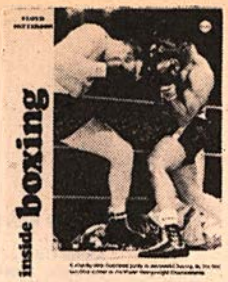


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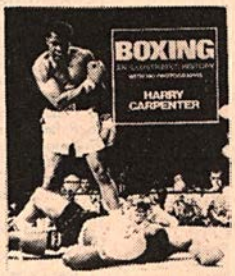


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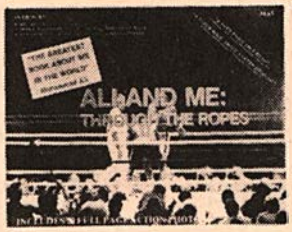


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19. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
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4. Guadalupe Pintor (Mexico)
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6. Oscar Muniz (U.S.)
7. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
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10. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
11. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
12. Jose Meneses (Panama)
13. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
14. Jesus Flores (Venezuela)
15. James Pipps (U.S.)
16. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
17. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
18. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
19. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
20. Valerio Nati (Italy)

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Champion
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5. Moon-Jin Choi (Korea)
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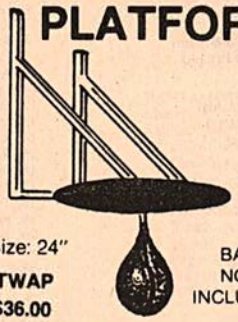

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**Trevor Berbick KO11 David Bey (Won USBA Title)**
**Jesse Ferguson KO10 Tony Anthony**
**Mike Tyson KO1 Rick Spain**
**Alfredo Evangelista W10 James Dixon**
**Henry Tillman W6 Leroy Caldwell**

## CRUISERWEIGHTS

**Bash Ali KO9 Anthony Davis (Won NABF Title)**
**Eddie Mustafa Muhammad W10 Rickey Parkey**
**Leon Spinks W10 Franco Thomas**
**Henry Milligan KO3 Mike Harris**
**Dennis Jackson KO1 Kevin Isaac**

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

**Slobodan Kacar W10 Johnny Davis**
**Jeff Lampkin W10 Jack Johnson**
**Jay Strickland KO1 Dwayne Muniz**
**Jay Strickland KO2 Richard Green**
**Chong-Pal Park W15 Vinnie Curto (Retained IBF Super Middle Title)**

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS

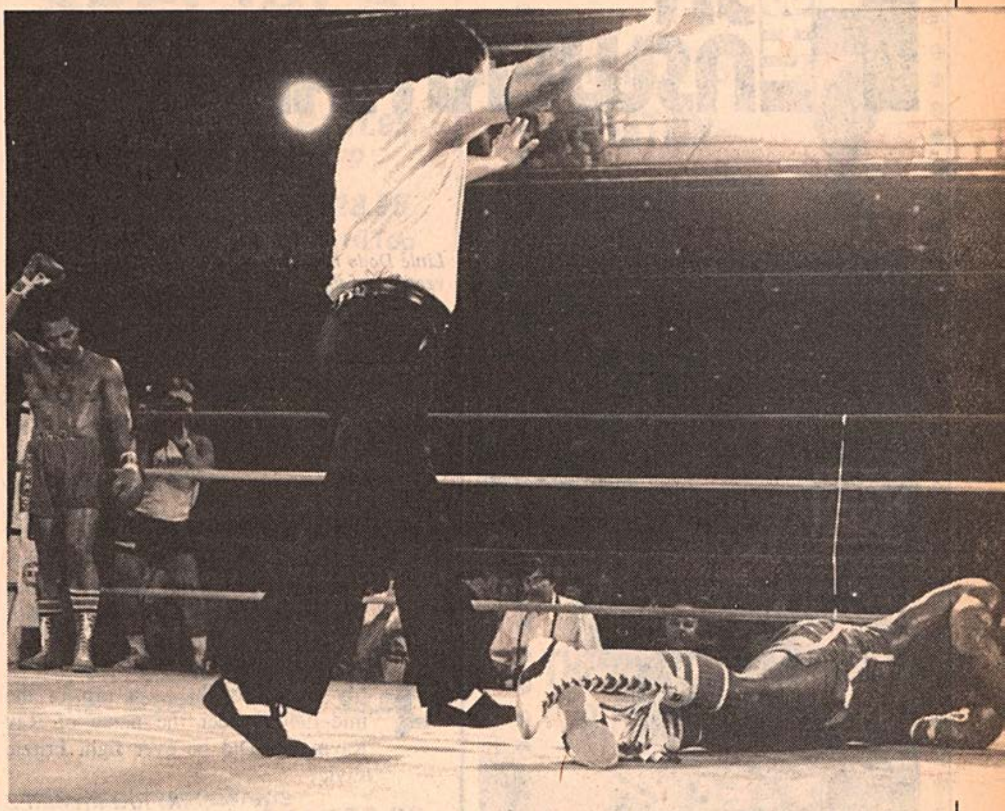
**James Shuler W10 Jerry Holly**
**Curtis Parker W10 Ricky Stackhouse**
**Lindell Holmes KO9 Sanderline Williams**
**Ayub Kalule KO8 Pierre Joly (Won Vacant EBU Title)**
**Jose Quinones KO11 Arthur Holt (Retained Continental Americas Title)**
**Mark Kaylor W10 Dwight Walker**
**Charles Cater W10 Jack Simon**

## JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

**Donald Curry KO6 Pablo Baez (non-title)**
**Mike McCallum KO2 Marcos Martinez (non-title)**
**Lupe Aquino KO1 Lloyd Taylor**
**Ken Shannon KO3 Terry Duncan**
**Roman George KO9 Zack Hewitt**
**James Green D10 Robert Hines**
**Chris Pyatt KO6 Mosimo Maeleke**

## WELTERWEIGHTS

**Allen Braswell W10 Donny Poole**
**Horace Shufford W10 Efren Olivo**
**Mark Breland KO2 Dario DeJesus**
**Shawn O'Sullivan KO6 Junie Nash**



*Referee Carlos Padilla counts out Mike Weaver as WBC heavyweight champion Pinklon Thomas raises his arm in victory.*

## JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

**Mario Rodriguez W10 Rosenso Ramirez**
**Darryl Martin KO David Odem**
**Bruce Williams KO8 Glen Smith**
**Ramon Santana KO4 Joe Johnson**
**Vincent Pettway KO2 Antione Lark**
**Jamie Ollenberger W8 Frank Walters**
**Andre Sharpe Richardson W8 Sammy Young**
**Ricky Young W10 Vilomar Fernandez**
**Gato Gonzalez WO10 Rene Arredondo**

## LIGHTWEIGHTS

**Jimmy Paul KO14 Robin Blake (Retained IBF Title)**
**Edwin Rosario W10 Frankie Randall**
**Anthony Williams KO5 Tony Raysor**
**Freddie Roach W8 Joey Olivera**
**Raphe Sims KO2 Jorge Valladares**
**Meldrick Taylor KO3 Hugo Carrizo**

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

**Julio Cesar Chavez KO2 Roger Mayweather (Retained WBC Title)**
**Juan Antonio Lopez W10 Dana Roston**
**Jean-Marc Renard KO4 Jose Maillot**

## FEATHERWEIGHTS

**Calvin Grove W12 Irving Mitchell (Won USBA Title)**
**Tyrone Jackson W12 Paul DeVorce (Won Vacant N.Y. State Title)**
**Bernard Taylor W10 Tyrone Downes**
**Ji-Won Kim KO4 Bobby Berna (Retained IBF Super Bantam Title)**

## BANTAMWEIGHTS

**Ray Gilbody W12 John Feeney (Won British Title)**
**Jeff Fenech KO6 John Matienza (non-title)**
**Miguel Tora KO8 Diego Avila**
**Felix Marquez KO4 Bryan Jones**

## FLYWEIGHTS

**Sot Chitalada D12 Gabriel Bernal (Retained WBC Title)**
**Henry Brent W12 Robert Robinson (Won Vacant USBA Title)**
**Giampiero Pinna W12 Mario Bitetto (Won Vacant Italian Title)**

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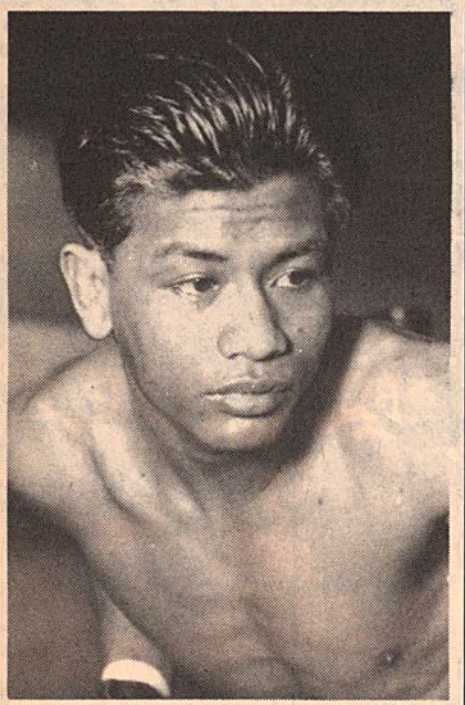

*Little Dado held both the California and NBA versions of the world flyweight title, but was never generally recognized as champion.*

**Q** When was Sam Langford born? When and where did he die? Also, what was his fighting weight?

*—C.R. WEAGLE*
*Halifax, N.S.*

**A** *Langford's birthdate was, and is, a subject of dispute. During Sam's career, the date was usually given as March 4, 1886. Family records show the date to be March 4, 1883, but Langford himself once gave his birthdate as February 12, 1880. On at least one occasion, he claimed to have been born as early as 1874.*

*Sam began his professional career as a featherweight in January, 1902. He weighed 139 for Joe Gans on December 8, 1903, and tipped in at 156 for Jack Johnson on April 26, 1906. By 1911, Sam weighed around 180, and he came in at more than 200 pounds for many of his later engagements. Most record books say his last bout was against Eddie Trembly on May 4, 1924, but Langford was certainly active until 1926. He died on January 12, 1956, in Cambridge, Mass.*

**Q** My father fought as a pro in the mid-1940s under the name of Ray Raymond. Did he ever fight Fritzie Zivic?

*—GARY RAY RAMIREZ*
*Mandeville, La.*

**A** *No record of such a bout.*

**Q** What is the difference between the junior flyweight and mini-flyweight classes?

*—AMOS SEYMOUR*
*Stafford, Va.*

**A** *The junior flyweight division (referred to as the light flyweight by the World Boxing Council) has a weight limit of 108 pounds. The mini-flyweight limit is 104. The Thai Boxing Commission is the only body in the world to recognize this weight class. The Thai national mini-flyweight champion is Thavat Kiatpongchinda.*

**Q** I read where Benny Lynch was a great fighter, even though he never could lick old John Barleycorn. Who was Barleycorn? What was his record?

*—HORACE CORNBY*
*Sioux Falls, S.D.*

**A** *"John Barleycorn" is merely a euphemism for alcohol.*

**Q** When did Mike Gibbons, the old "St. Paul Phantom," die?

*—ERNIE CANTON*
*Ephrata, Pa.*

**A** *Gibbons died in St. Paul, Minn. on August 31, 1956. His brother, Tommy, who fought Dempsey for the heavyweight title in 1923, passed away on November 19, 1960.*

**Q** Was Little Dado ever the world's flyweight champ?

*—JOHN AGER*
*Lewiston, Mont.*

**A** *Dado won California State recognition as world flyweight champion by outpointing Small Montana in a 10-round bout at the Oakland Auditorium on November 30, 1938. The crown had been declared vacant when Benny Lynch weighed in at 118½ for a scheduled defense against Jackie Jurich in Paisley, Scotland, on June 29, 1938. The National Boxing Association confirmed Dado as champion on December 11, 1939, but Dado never really defended the "title", and Peter Kane, who had outscored Jurich in Liverpool, England, on September 22, 1938, was generally recognized as champ.*

*Jimmy Duffy refereed the Dado-Montana bout.*

**Q** Was Owen Moran, the English fighter of the early 1900s, a featherweight or a lightweight?

*—HENRY HEREWARD*
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**A** *Moran started out his career as a 100-pounder in 1900. He won the National Sporting Club's recognition as world bantamweight champion by outpointing Al Delmont on April 22, 1907 at 118 pounds. Moran drew with Abe Attell for the latter's world featherweight title on New Year's Day, 1908, but his most notable victory was an 11th round knockout over former world lightweight champion Battling Nelson in San Francisco on November 26, 1910. On January 27, 1913, Moran drew with Jim Driscoll for the N.S.C.'s version of the world featherweight crown. Owen was never a lightweight. He died in Birmingham, England, on March 17, 1949.*

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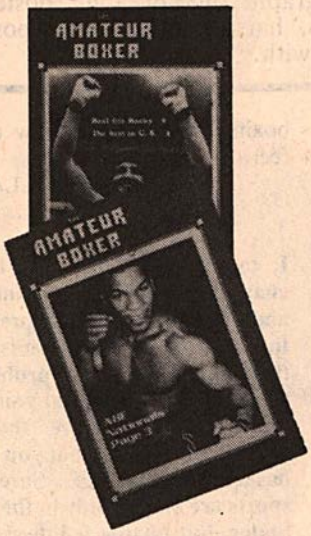


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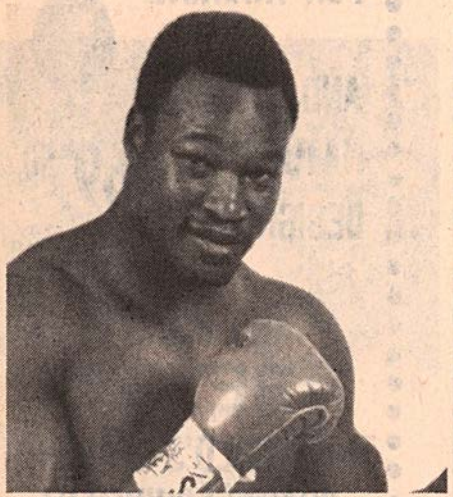

### *FOR LARRY HOLMES*
***IBF heavyweight champion***

**Q** Why are you looking for an easy way to break Rocky Marciano's record? Why not take on fighters like Pinklon Thomas and Tim Witherspoon?

J.B., NEWARK, N.J.

**A** **I'm not a genius, just a businessman. If I can fight easier fights without getting my brains scrambled, I'll do it. Boxing is a business, and I'm making big money. They can laugh all they want at me while I'm walking to the bank to make a deposit.**

### *FOR MUHAMMAD ALI*
***The Greatest***

**Q** Why do you think so many critics want to ban boxing in the United States?

G.B., CHICAGO, ILL.

**A** **The reason, I think, is because black people are now in control. All the champions are black. Many of the promoters and managers are black. Before, when we had all white champions, they never talked about stopping boxing.**

### *FOR EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD*
***Former WBA light heavyweight champion***

**Q** I read that you are now training under Emanuel Steward at the Kronk gym. Has the change been beneficial?

P.D.N. ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

**A** **Being in the Kronk gym has been good for me. They don't care anything about who I am down there. They just say, 'Come on with it, punk.'**

### *FOR MICHAEL SPINKS*
***Undisputed light heavyweight champion***

**Q** Would you like to see Marvin Hagler move up in weight and challenge you for the 175-pound title?

M.B., LAS VEGAS, NV

**A** **I don't believe anybody can talk Hager into that.**

### *FOR JOSE SULAIMAN*
***President of the World Boxing Council***

**Q** I think having two or more champions in most of the divisions is one of the biggest problems boxing faces today. How do you feel about it?

L. McN., DALLAS, TX

**A** **I, too, would like to see but one champion and one organization; and I'll gladly resign my presidency today if the other presidents will do the same. One of the problems in the United States is that you people think you can have the same structure in boxing that you have in baseball or the NFL. Sure, those sports are played only in the United States, but boxing is international. So if you want to say so-and-so is a world champion, you have to consider the whole world.**

### *FOR TERRENCE ALLI*
***Lightweight contender***

**Q** Why haven't you fought since your TKO loss to Harry Arroyo? You have so much talent. Do you intend to let it go to waste?

C.A.W., TENAFLY, N.J.

**A** **I was scheduled to fight Choo Choo Brown in Las Vegas, but I hurt my back and had to pull out. But don't worry, I'll be back.**

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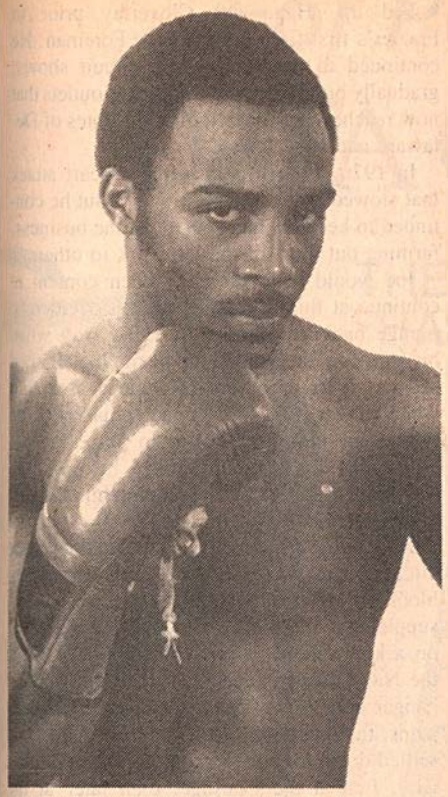


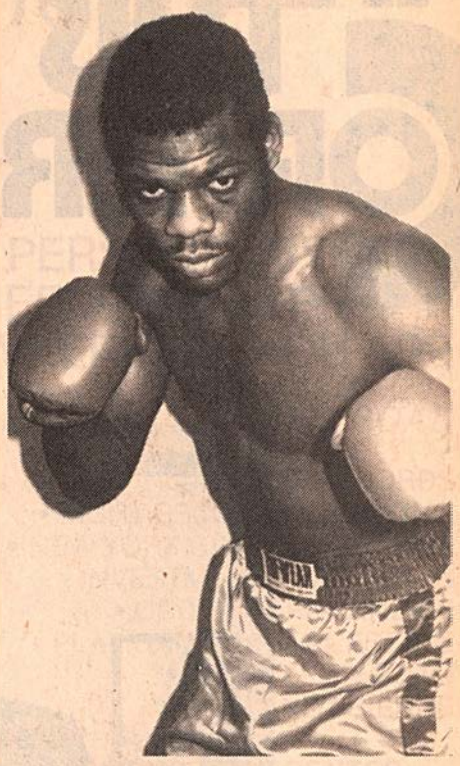
## *BUDDY McGIRT RATES THE JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS*

BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK PRODUCT James McGirt is on the verge of making waves in the somewhat depleted junior welterweight division. Now 20-0-1, 18 knockouts, McGirt is coming off his toughest fight to date—a 10-round decision over hot'n'cold Allan Braswell . . . Although James is already listed in the WBC's Top 20, he is still a number of fights away from truly deserving a top ten ranking. His most glaring need is a steady diet of improved opposition . . . "Buddy," as James prefers to be called, is a boxer/puncher who is willing and able to adapt to his opponents' style. To date, power has been his long suit, though he seems to be well-rounded in all aspects of the game . . . The Long Island native, who is also adept at handball and volleyball, began boxing when he was 12. He made his pro debut in April '82, boxing a four-round draw with Lamont Haithcoate. Since then, he's scored nothing but victories . . . Boxing almost exclusively at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum or in Atlantic City, Buddy has garnered a sizeable local following. He is trained by Dom Amorosa and managed by veteran Al Certo . . . While Buddy confidently states, "I will be champ within a year," Certo is a little bit more cautious. "I was never so high on a kid as I am on James," says Al. "He's a sweetheart, a real good kid. And he's nobody's fool. He understands he's at least a year away from a really big fight."

1. Aaron Pryor
2. Billy Costello
3. Gene Hatcher
4. Ronnie Shields
5. Saoul Mamby
6. Leroy Haley
7. Ubaldo Sacco
8. Gary Hinton
9. Patrizio Olivo
10. Lorenzo Garcia

## *IRAN BARKLEY RATES THE MIDDLEWEIGHTS*

MIDDLEWEIGHT IRAN BARKLEY'S first two years as a pro were marred by constant disappointment. But in 1985, a marked turnabout has apparently changed "The Blade's" fortune. Now 12-3, nine knockouts, and 3-0 this year, the 25-year-old Bronx native has his sights set on the best the middleweight ranks have to offer . . . Boxing since the age of 14, Barkley enjoyed a successful 30-4 amateur record, including an unbeaten mark as a member of the USA Team . . . He turned pro in December of '82. Three quick knockouts



were followed by his first setback—a decision loss to amateur victim, Osley Silas . . . After another run of three wins, highlighted by knockouts over Frank Minton (KO5) and Marciano Bernardi (KO1), Iran ran into trouble again in his eighth start . . . Although he can punch with the best, Barkley has shown a propensity for the kind of all-out warfare that can take a toll on any fighter's career. This was all too evident when the more experienced Robbie Sims outgunned Barkley in a savage punchout in January of '84 . . . Iran regrouped with three more wins, but lost a hotly disputed decision to then unbeaten Eddie Hall to close out the year. Since the Hall bout, Iran has avenged his loss to Silas (KO6), blasted out Norberto Sabater and most recently won a 10-round nod over strictly survivin' Randy Smith . . . The youngest of nine children, Barkley, who is currently working hard to shore up his defense, is managed by Connie Bryant and trained by Bobby Miles at New York's Ringside Gym.

1. Marvin Hagler
2. James Shuler
3. James Kinchen
4. Dwight Davison
5. John Mugabi
6. Don Lee
7. Herol Graham
8. Curtis Parker
9. Doug DeWitt
10. Thomas Hearns

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# JOE HAND
## (PROMOTER)

ALTHOUGH HE IS A KENNY ROGERS look-alike, Joe Hand doesn't have the high profile of peers Bob Arum and Don King. But he's a rising star nevertheless, promoting frequent shows in Atlantic City casinos and also running talent-developing cards at the lively Golden Eagle club in Philadelphia. But over the years, Joe's bread and butter has been closed circuit promotion, an area of boxing that he helped pioneer back in the glory days of Muhammad Ali.

A former Philadelphia cop, Joe got started in boxing in a most inauspicious manner, buying a $250 share in Cloverlay, Inc.—the management clique that helped launch the career of future heavyweight champion Joe Frazier.

Hand was not a boxing fan, but was attracted by the fact that leading businessmen saw fit to invest in the young fistic hopeful.

'I figured that if it was good enough for those fellows, it would also be an opportunity for me," explained Hand.

It proved to be an even greater opportunity than he imagined. Cloverlay moguls soon discovered that they didn't have the time or background to handle the pencil and paperclip details involved in running the business. When they advertised for a business manager, Hand took the job for the magnanimous salary of $100 a month.

But the wheel of fortune didn't stop there. With Frazier rapidly becoming a major attraction, Bruce Wright, Cloverlay's attorney, suggested that Hand learn the closed circuit TV business. Joe jumped at the opportunity, scouring libraries for information, and working with other promoters already in the field. Hand grew with Cloverlay, but eventually he became disenchanted.

'They (Cloverlay) were ruthless," remembers Hand. "We'd learn from other promoters, and then eventually put them out of business."

Fed up, Hand left Cloverlay prior to Frazier's first fight with George Foreman. He continued to promote closed circuit shows, gradually building a mini-empire of outlets that now reaches into the neighboring states of Delaware and New Jersey.

In 1976, Joe suffered a major heart attack that slowed him down for a spell. But he continued to keep his hand (ugh!) in the business, farming out most of the leg work to others.

Joe would have probably been content to continue at this relaxed pace, but decided to plunge back into boxing in a big way when his son, Joe, Jr., joined the team. Joe, Jr. had set his sights on a pro basketball career but when he was cut by the Philadelphia 76ers, he considered going to Europe to play. Joe Sr. didn't like the idea and talked his son into staying in this country and helping him expand his promotional schedule.

As a hedge against the vagaries of the closed circuit business (dependent upon occasional blockbusters), Joe Jr. suggested a grass roots supplement. Their first shows were sometimes on a knockabout basis, such as a benefit for the Naval Relief Fund, staged in an airplane hanger on a Navy base. But despite growing pains, the operation prospered and Hand soon settled down to regular promotions in Atlantic City, first at the Claridge, then later at the Playboy (now the Atlantis).

The success of Joe's cards relied on the loyal following of the Steve Traitz stable. Many of the fighters were members of a local roofers union and their union brothers turned out in force whenever they fought. The problem was that Traitz was over-protective of his fighters, two of whom were his sons. Hand was forced to field increasing pressure from the commission and press to toughen the opposition. Finally, just as matters were coming to a head, Traitz quit the fight game, taking all his fighters with him.

An even bigger blow came when Joe lost his contract with the Atlantis in a turf battle with former partner Jeff Levine. But Hand didn't stay down for long. He re-opened the Golden Eagle and re-established Cloverlay, offering stock in junior middleweight prospect John David Jackson. Joe also purchased the contract of promising middleweight Mike Tinley. But perhaps the biggest news is that Hand now owns the promotional rights to James Shuler who holds down the top spot in both the WBA and WBC 160-pound ratings. Hand is currently working with Top Rank on a four-bout deal that includes a match between Shuler and Thomas Hearns.

Boxing has taken Joe Hand a long way since his original $250 investment in Joe Frazier. He's endured some hard knocks, but has always managed to fight his way back. He is currently on the brink of becoming one of the sport's major powerbrokers. And an upset victory by Shuler just might be the thing to put him over the top. □

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